

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-NINTH (69th) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI SINGAPORE**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 7.00PM**

**Residence of Australian High Commissioner, 9 White House Park, Singapore 257605**

Attendance: 63 pax (58 voting members)

**Ordinary Life Member**

- 1 Aw, Kie Jin (Michael)
- 2 Chan, Ruby Lydia
- 3 Colmenares, Maribel
- 4 Dam, Kevin
- 5 Er, Andrew Soon Sin
- 6 Gigney, Lisa
- 7 Goh, Geok Lin (Cliff)
- 8 Khoo, Teng Lau
- 9 Kuah, Julius
- 10 Kuah, Justin
- 11 Kwok, Joseph
- 12 Ler, Ser Yeng
- 13 Nair, Elizabeth
- 14 Nair, Prabhakaran
- 15 Ng, Joo Beng
- 16 Ngo, Shing Haw (Richard)
- 17 Ong, Wen Shun Gerald
- 18 Oo, Lay Kim
- 19 Ou, Xiuying
- 20 Quek, Daniel Li Yee
- 21 Tan, Jeffrey Chye Leng
- 22 Teng, Johnny Hua Kian
- 23 Wong, Cien Theng
- 24 Yap, Kok Chong Andy

**Ordinary Member**

- 1 Ang, Jovina
- 2 Ang, Andre
- 3 Cameron, Andrew
- 4 Chan, Yong Jiet
- 5 Chong, Idalene Wei Ling
- 6 Courtney-Jay, Frank
- 7 Das, Dipanti
- 8 Forrest, Philip
- 9 Kong, Shao Fei
- 10 Kumar, Devika
- 11 Kurup, Rajaneesh
- 12 Kwong, Li-Lin
- 13 Lai, Xing Hui
- 14 Lam, Chun Yin Julia
- 15 Lee, Daniel Wee Shen
- 16 Lee, Kun-young (Steven)
- 17 Lee, Ji Hao Jonathan
- 18 Loh, Kheng Hui
- 19 Ng, Kang Sam
- 20 Raghunath Sreekanth
- 21 Sibal, Pinky
- 22 Soh, Bee Leng (Richard)
- 23 Soh, Amy
- 24 Tan, Seng Chong
- 25 Tan, Kenneth Swee Hoo
- 26 Tay, Kah Soon (Victor)
- 27 Toh, Wee Keong (Ernest)
- 28 Vanessa, Steffie
- 29 Ward, Rachel June
- 30 Wong, Chia Ling
- 31 Wong, Gayle Yim-Yee
- 32 Yeung, Wai Ting Sandy
- 33 Yip, Kok Wah

**Institutional Member**

- 1 James Cook University  
(Andrew Chew)

**Associate Member**

- 1 Chan, Li Lian
- 2 Tan, Chew Charn

**Sponsors & Invited Guest**

- 1 Leitner, Michael (Beverage Sponsor)
- 2 Ruscoe, Matthew (Beverage Sponsor)
- 3 Yap, Michael (Council of Advisor)

Presiding Office: Philip Forrest, AM

His Excellency Allaster Cox, Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, delivered his Welcome Address. In his speech, H.E. Allaster Cox valued the work and contribution of AAS in fostering the strong connections between Australian graduates and Singapore. He looked forward to more engagements with AAS. He wished all a great year ahead.

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## **FORMAL PROCEEDING**

### **1.0 To receive the Annual Report**

AAS President Rajaneesh Kurup thanked all for their support and contribution to the growth and development of AAS. He presented the Annual Report:

1. The AAS priorities remained centered on our members, our community, and our partners.
2. The activities comprise Events, Networking Opportunities, Interest Group Activities, Digital Solutions, Newsletters, Community Engagement, Sustainability, Regional Collaboration, Job Opportunities, Memberships, and Partnerships.
3. AAS' major achievements since the last AGM:
  - i. 1 new partner university
  - ii. 2 new term sponsors
  - iii. 203 new members
  - iv. 789 new followers on social media channels
  - v. organised 13 events and activities
4. AAS thanked the sponsors:
  - i. Diamond Sponsor – James Cook University
  - ii. Gold Sponsors – Australian International School, Lendlease
  - iii. Silver Sponsors – CPA Australia, Investment New South Wales, Trust Capital, Victorian Government and Trade
  - iv. AAS' 69<sup>th</sup> AGM Beverage Sponsors – Wolf Blass, Tempus Two, Fever-Tree
5. AAS thanked the Partner Universities:
  - i. Platinum Partner – James Cook University
  - ii. Gold Partners – RMIT University, Newcastle Australia Institute of Higher Education
  - iii. Silver Partners – Charles Sturt University, Curtin University, Federation University, Griffith University, Macquarie University, Monash University, University of Melbourne, University of Queensland, University of Technology Sydney
6. Alumna of University of Adelaide, Ms. Holly Butler, Deputy Commissioner to South-East Asia from Victorian Government Trade and Investment has accepted appointment as an Advisor of AAS.
7. Special thank you for the following persons for their services in the AAS Management Committee: Ms Nurhidayah Ekbal (Secretary), Ms Maribel Colmenares (Chair of Events), Mr Richard Ngo (Chair of Alumni Engagement), Mr Girish Jagajeevan (Chair of Membership).

## **2.0 To receive the Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

1. The Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting has been circulated and taken as read.
2. The Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> AGM was approved and adopted.  
Proposer: Richard Soh | Seconder: Andrew Chew  
The Motion was carried unopposed.

## **3.0 To receive the Statement of Accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

1. The Statement of Accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 has been circulated and taken as read.
2. AAS Treasurer, Michael Aw, presented the highlights of the financial report:
  - i. The revenue increased by 10% to \$95,354 (2023) from \$86,953 (2022)
  - ii. The operating expenses increased by 3% to \$73,997 (2023) from \$71,641 (2022)
  - iii. The overall net surplus increased by 39% to \$21,357 (2023) from \$15,312 (2022).
3. The Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was approved and adopted.  
Proposer: Richard Soh | Seconder: Maribel Colmenares  
The Motion was carried unopposed.

## **4.0 To receive the Events Report**

1. AAS Chair of CSR Ruby Lydia Chan presented the Events Report on behalf of Chair of Events Maribel Colmenares:
  - i. Total 13 small scale events, included 2 CSR projects, were successfully organised in 2023.

## **5.0 To receive the Membership Report**

1. AAS Chair of Membership Dipanti Das presented the Membership Report:
  - i. Number of contacts – 5352
  - ii. Number of active members – 1596
  - iii. Number of new members from new Partner University – 28 (Griffith University)
  - iv. Top 3 Partner University sign ups – Griffith University, James Cook University, Monash University (by alphabetical order)
  - v. Increase in Individual Ordinary Member, Individual Associate Member, Institutional Members – 211

## **6.0 To consider any resolution, motion or proposal that has been properly tabled as part of the agenda for the meeting**

1. Master of Ceremony Kevin Dam walked through the proposed amendments to AAS Constitution (see Attachment).
2. There were no questions raised after the detailed sharing.
3. The proposed amendments to AAS Constitution were approved and adopted.  
Proposer: Philip Forrest, AM | Seconder: Michael Aw  
The motion was carried unopposed.

## **7.0 To elect Management Committee members and an Auditor**

1. Cliff Goh has been reappointed as the Honorary Auditor.
2. The following persons were elected at the last AGM and they will continue to serve in the next administration year 2024/2025
  - i. Rajaneesh Kurup (JCU)
  - ii. Kevin Dam (UTS)
  - iii. Dipanti Das (JCU)
  - iv. Michael Aw (La Trobe)
  - v. Ruby Lydia Chan (Swinburne)
  - vi. Johnny Teng (UTAS)
  - vii. Victor Tay (Curtin)
3. The following persons have retired from the Management Committee
  - i. Nurhidayah Ekbal (JCU)
  - ii. Maribel Colmenares (La Trobe)
  - iii. Richard Ngo (UTAS)
  - iv. Girish Jagajeevan (UoN)
4. The following persons were elected into the Management Committee
  - i. Andre Ang (UoM)
  - ii. Andrew Cameron (QUT)
  - iii. Ernest Toh (Murdoch)
  - iv. Janet Stubbs (UoM)
  - v. Li-Lin Kwong (Monash)
  - vi. Steffie Vanessa (JCU)
  - vii. Steven Lee (USYD)

### **Termination**

There being no other matters, the meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm with a vote of thanks to all in attendance.



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President  
Rajaneesh Kurup



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Secretary  
Kwong Li-Lin