

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH (65TH) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI SINGAPORE
HELD ON 13 MAY (WEDNESDAY) 2020 AT 6.30PM
via ZOOM CALL (Password: 2M&rLim\$)**

Attendance: 39pax

Management Committee Members

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| 1 | Mr Joseph Kwok | - Chairman |
| 2 | Mr Geoff Howie | - Vice Chairman |
| 3 | Mr Stephan Yeong | - Hon Secretary |
| 4 | Mr Paul Ho | - Hon Treasurer |
| 5 | Mr Davian Sim | - Committee Member |
| 6 | Mr Rajaneesh Kurup | - Committee Member |
| 7 | Mr Rennie Sng | - Committee Member |
| 8 | Mr Clarence Lee | - Committee Member |
| 9 | Mr Kevin Dam | - Committee Member |
| 10 | Mr Johnny Chee | - Committee Member |

Ordinary Life

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| 1 | Andy Hong Key Tan |
| 2 | Christopher Cheah |
| 3 | Clarence Lee |
| 4 | Davian Sim |
| 5 | Ernest Chen |
| 6 | Geoff Howie |
| 7 | Joseph Kwok |
| 8 | Julius Kuah |
| 9 | Justin Kuah |
| 10 | Kang Sang, Paul Ho |
| 11 | Michael Aw |
| 12 | Paul Tham |
| 13 | Philip Kuah |
| 14 | Simon Ang |
| 15 | Sylvia Oo |
| 16 | Tony Alizzi |

Ordinary Member

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| 1 | Bonnie Liu |
| 2 | Carolyn Tee |
| 3 | Derrick Ong |
| 4 | DIPANTI Das |
| 5 | Dr Patrick Fernandez |
| 6 | Harris Kristanto |
| 7 | Johnny Chee |
| 8 | Lisa Askwith |
| 9 | Mitchell Beness |
| 10 | Philip Forrest |
| 11 | Rajaneesh Kurup |
| 12 | Rennie Sng |
| 13 | Ruby Lydia Chin |
| 14 | SNEHA Menon |
| 15 | Stephan Yeong |
| 16 | Pinky Sibal |

Institutional Member

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| 1 | James Cook University |
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Associate Member

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| 1 | Chew Charn Tan |
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Invited Guests

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| 1 | His Excellency, Mr. Bruce Gosper | - High Commissioner of Australia to Singapore |
| 2 | Ms Lauren Hernandez | - Second Secretary, Australian High Commission |
| 3 | Mr Andrew Han | - Head of Finance, Homage Co Pte Ltd |
| 4 | Mr Jeremiah Huang | - Partner, RHTLaw Asia LLP |

In Attendance:

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| 1 | Ms Yen Mei Ling | - AAS Secretariat |
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His Excellency, Mr. Bruce Gosper, High Commissioner of Australia to Singapore, delivered his Welcome Address as the Guest-of-Honour. In his Speech, Bruce shared that it has been a remarkable year and the landmark achievement made this year was that in March, the First Virtual Summit between Australia and Singapore was held between two leaders (Mr Lee Hsien Loong could not visit Australia due to COVID-19) and a few Virtual Agreements between the two countries was digitally signed, including Defence Treaty and Digital Economy Agreement. Also, an announcement the formation of Climate Technology MOU (that will set a framework for a much deeper collaboration between two countries on some the relevant issues that will impact climate change such as development of the hydrogen economy, electricity trade, carbon capture. He acknowledged that there are a lot both countries can do together moving forward.

FORMAL PROCEEDING

AAS Vice President Mr Geoff Howie, the official Chairperson for this AGM called the meeting to order at 6.36 pm with a quorum of 33 voting members.

1.0 To receive the Annual Report

- 1.1 The President- Joseph Kwok, shared the Annual Report which summarised some of the significant developments in the past year after apologising to all stakeholders for the delay in conducting this year's AGM, which was traditionally held in March due to the COVID-19 situation.
- a. Net revenue of \$55K in 2019 vs \$107K in 2018, mainly from Sponsorship and Partner University fees.
 - b. Net Deficit of \$10K in 2019 vs a Net Surplus of \$35K in 2018
 - c. He conveyed sincere thanks to the following who contributed to AAS' success:
 - i. Term Sponsors: Platinum – James Cook University ; Gold – Lendlease and Silver – Trust Capital
 - ii. University Partners : Platinum – James Cook University and Silver – The University of Queensland
 - iii. Wine Sponsor – Wolf Blass by Treasury Wine Estates
 - iv. The Australian High Commission, HE Bruce Gosper, his team and Ms Lauren Hernandez
 - v. Members of the Council of Advisors for their valuable time and effort to execute AAS initiatives
 - vi. AAS MC & Secretariat
 - vii. AAS MC who are stepping down, Mr Davian Sim and Mr Johnny Chee, for their past dedication and contribution
 - d. Major achievements in 2019 included the following:
 - 1 AGM, 1 Gala Dinner and 8 smaller scale events that featured topics such as art investment, digital economy, wine appreciation etc were well attended by members, friends and stakeholders; the 64th Anniversary Gala Dinner event was attended by more than 450 people
 - Membership growth of 216%, from 256 to 811

2.0 To receive AAS' 64th AGM Minutes

The Chairman presented the 64th AGM Minutes which was circulated prior to the meeting and thereafter, tabled the following motion:

“That the AGM Minutes for the 64th AGM be accepted and received.”

Proposer: Clarence Lee | Seconder: Johnny Chee

The Motion was carried unopposed.

3.0 To receive the Statement of Accounts for 1st January – 31st December 2019

The Treasurer- Paul Ho, presented the following highlights of the audited profit and loss statement and balance sheet which was circulated prior to the meeting:

- a. Overall 2019 Net Revenue down 48% to S\$62.6k - Due to weak sponsorship environment and Partner University Scheme
- b. Events have maintained profitability in 2019
- c. Total Current assets fell 12.44% to \$169,352.54 - More impetus needed for the coming years in driving Sponsorships

The Chairman then tabled the following motion:

“That the Audited Accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2019 be and are hereby approved and adopted.”

Proposer: Kevin Dam | Seconder: Rennie Sng

The Motion was carried unopposed.



Before proceeding onto the next agenda, the Chairman requested the following Management Committees to provide an update on their portfolio:

Chair of Activities – Johnny Chee : Total 10 Events successfully organised in 2019; A table summary & short Video was featured.

Chair of Membership – Raj Kurup: The total membership number grew by 216%, from 256 to 811

Chair of Digital Transformation – Kevin Dam : Some of the key highlights of Digital transformation initiatives are new website feature tabs that links to Eventbank platform.

4.0 To elect 2 Management Committee Members

Mr Clarence Lee & Ms Dipanti Das were the only candidates nominated for election to join the Management Committee and was invited by the Chairman to introduce themselves.

5.0 To elect an Auditor

Andrew Han, AAS Auditor since 2016 was the sole candidate nominated for election to the office of the Auditor.

6.0 To consider any other business for which prior written notice has been received two weeks before AGM in accordance with Article VII(2)

Chairman called upon Mr Jeremiah Huang to walk through the 15 proposed amendments to AAS Constitution.

After the detailed sharing session, there was no Questions raised.

The Chairman proceeded to table the following motion:

“That the 15 proposed changes in AAS Constitution be and are hereby approved and adopted.”

Proposer: Raj Kurup | Seconder: Paul Ho

The Motion was carried unopposed.

7.0 To discuss general business

Chris Cheah, Chairman of Council of Advisors thanked Joseph and MC for doing a great job in their efforts of raising funds for the Australian Bush Fire victims as well as their successful coffee campaigns at SGH & NUH for Singapore Frontline Fighters. He acknowledged that this is a tough period to raise funds but despite the challenging environment, but he is confident with combined effort – we will be able to bring in enough funds to help support AAS for many more years ahead. He also commended that the team has done a great job for managing the cost and Jeremiah, for the excellent job for proposing the changes to the Constitution which was long overdue.

8.0 President Joseph thanked Chris Cheah for the encouragement and hope to do more CSR programme moving forward and hope to garner more support from AAS Council of Advisors moving forward. He also sincerely thanked Jeremiah for all the hard work for going through the Constitution and proposing the relevant changes; and enable AGMs to be held virtually moving forward.

There being no other matters, the meeting was declared closed at 8.03 pm with a vote of thanks to all in attendance.



Prepared by: Yen Mei Ling



Signed by President: Joseph Kwok



Signed by Hon Secretary: Stephan Yeong

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