



**MALAYSIA PHYSIOTHERAPY
ASSOCIATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MALAYSIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION**

Date : 19rd March 2023

Time : 2pm – 5pm

Venue : KL TOWER, Jalan P. Ramlee, Kuala Lumpur

Agenda :

1. Welcome note by President of MPA
2. President's Report for Activities by the MPA
3. Attendance and Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes of 59th Annual General Meeting
5. Matters Arising from 59th Annual General Meeting
6. Treasurer's Report and Confirmation of Statement of Accounts ending 31st December 2022
7. State Representative Report
8. Any Other Business
9. Election of Office Bearers 2023 to 2025

The Secretary welcomed all members in attendance to the 60th AGM of the Malaysian Physiotherapy Association. He thanked the President for choosing the venue for the AGM in making it a memorable event and hope all members liked the effort done to make this AGM a unique celebration of 60th Anniversary of the MPA. The Secretary passed over the floor to the President for his welcoming speech and annual report.

1. Welcome note by President

The President welcomed all those attending for coming to the 60th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Physiotherapy Association and thanked all members for taking the trouble to attend the AGM. It is encouraging to see more members taking an interest and being involved in the activities within the MPA and credits this to the efforts and activities of the EXCO this past 2 years. The president continued with his address in the Presidents report.

2. Presidents Report

The EXCO continued the years activity with focus on the Vision and Mission of the Association. The President used the principles of the Vision and Mission to plan the years activities.

2.1 The strategic plan of the committee since being elected into office has been ;

1. To have a visible professional leadership generating excitement and engagement within the MPA community
2. To Promote excellence in Physiotherapy Education, Practice and Research via webinars, courses and conferences.
3. To facilitate communication and information exchange among MPA members
4. To Strengthen relationships with key decision makers at all levels of Government
5. To build a thriving Physiotherapy Community
6. Build capacity to fund project that support educational, professional development and volunteer work

2.2 59th AGM of the Malaysian Physiotherapy Association.

The MPA had their 59th AGM on the 3rd of July 2022 at The Crystal Crown Hotel, PJ. During the preconference, the MPA took the opportunity to update members in regards to the upcoming registration for the Allied Healthcare Professions ACT and also invited Mr Saravanan from the Ministry of Health Legal division for an update on the Standards and Policy for the registration. The AGM followed in the afternoon after lunch.

2.3 JD for all EXCO

All EXCO's were given their own Job Description to ensure that all committee members have their own responsibilities and areas of focus. This was to ensure activities were organized throughout the year. The MPA also engaged with Physios specialized in their own fields to form the SIG group led by Dr Katijjahbe Mohd Ali. The President thanked all the members of the SIG who have been active in organizing events in their respective fields. He admitted that the MPA on their own are unable to organize events sufficient to fulfill interest and development in the many different specialties and the SIG groups have been successful in filling in his gap. He continued to encourage members to visit the respective SIG groups facebook page to keep up to date with the activities that are being organized by the groups.

2.4 MPA Journal

The 1st Malaysian Physiotherapy Journal 2022 (Vol 1) was launched in 1st April 2022. The President thanked Assoc Prof Dr Nor Azlin Mohd Nordin as Editor in Chief, Dr Choy Ker Woon as the Asst Chief Editor and all the editorial board for the successful publishing of the journal.

2.5 Membership Drive.

Currently (as at March 2023) the membership of MPA is at 1,400 active members a rise from 800 in 2019. Our membership are mainly from the Private Physiotherapists with 1,000+ members and the government therapists making up the rest 400 members. The largest state registered members were from Selangor with 400+ members followed by Kuala Lumpur with 171. In 3rd place was Johor with 150 members with Perak being in fourth with 92 members. The President hoped that more members from other states would help promote the MPA to all PT members.

2.6 Activities 2022

2.6.1 SIG meeting -9th July 2022

A meeting held with the SIG groups for a Strategic plan as to what courses to organize for 2022

2.6.2 Bowling tournament - 4th June 2022

1st time the MPA has organized an event that involved both Private and Government physio's in a casual fun free day. Physios came from as far as Kedah for the event.

2.6.3 AGE EXPO 2022. 1st ASEAN Senior Care and Wellness EXPO. - 13th to 16th May 2022.

The organizer sponsored a booth for MPA to conduct exercise testing for the aged. Dr Azliana Azizan and her team helped to man the booth at the event. The MPA participated in the event with the help of students to assess the Aged and Elderly. The students were paid an allowance for the event.

2.6.4 The activities for the past year included the following ;

NO	WORKSHOP	DATE
1	Exercise Testing and Prescription Workshop	5 th – 6 th March 2022
2	Virtual Sign Language Workshop for Therapist	12 th – 13 th March 2022
3	Pelvic Organ Prolapse Webinar	15 th March 2022
4	Update on Abdominal Surgery Management & Recovery	27 th May 2022
5	Neuro Masterclass - Golden Hour for Stroke Management and Rehabilitation	28 th May 2022
6	Knee Masterclass - The Assessment and Management of Common Knee Injuries	13 th – 15 th June 2022
7	Low Back Pain in Sport-related and Sciatica	23 rd June 2022
8	Introduction of Women's Health Physiotherapy	26 th June 2022
9	Annual General Meeting - Act774 Briefing/Talk	3 rd July 2022

10	Dynamic Neuromuscular Stabilization	31 st July 2022
11	Lung Cancer Management: What is the Evidence?	5 th August 2022
12	Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis	19 th -20 th August 2022
13	National Physiotherapy Workshop 2022 & World Physiotherapy Day	16 th -18 th September 2022

2.6.5 National Physiotherapy Workshop 2022 and World Physiotherapy Day Celebration (16th to 18th September 2022) Dorsett Hotel Subang.

4 Speakers were invited for the conference to conduct 4 workshops;

1. Associate Professor Jane Rooney (Australia) - Dry Needling Workshop
2. Prof Alia A. Alghwiri (Jordan) - Vestibular Rehab Workshop
3. Balachandran Jayachandran (Singapore) - ICU Respiratory Care Workshop
4. Efri Noor Mohd Hendri (Malaysia) - Manipulation Workshop

There were 30 participants in each workshop. There were good response and participation from all therapists who attended.

The MPA organized a Gala Dinner in conjunction with World PT Day 2022 during this Conference. There were 100 participants who attended the dinner which was graced by the Pengarah of BSKB, Pn Hajah Farina binti Zulkernain and launched the World PT Day 2022.

2.7 AHP ACT 774

Mr President together with Pn Nur Hidayah Ong Abdullah, as the Head of the PT Profession in Malaysia have been active in the Allied Health Care Council in developing guidelines for the profession including

1. International Physiotherapist practicing in Malaysia - 24th May 2022
2. Advertising for Physio Centre's - 20th July 2022

The President has also been active in disseminating information regarding the act to other groups of Physiotherapist in different area of practice including the Ministry of Defence. Dr Haidzir met the Therapists from the Defence Ministry on the 28th of August 2022 at the Hospital Angkatan Tentera Tuanku Mizan. He also attends on a regular basis workshops on the development of Policy and Standards with the Allied Health Professions Council at Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (20th Oct 2022).

2.8 MPA in the International Arena

2.8.1 MPA is a member of the International Society for Electrophysical Agents in Physical Therapy (ISEAPT). There are regular engagement with the Society to keep abreast with current trend in Electrotherapy so that our own Physios stay up to date with current trends.

2.8.2 The MPA continues to attend meetings with the Asian Western Pacific branch of World Physio and being engaged with our immediate regional colleagues. The last meeting was on the 24th of September 2022.

2.8.3 The MPA also has been actively engaged with World Physiotherapy by updating our data with them on an annual basis of our statistics in Malaysia. On the 30th of November 2022, the MPA

was part of a group that was discussing on the Development for Physiotherapy Curriculum Entry Level Education Programme. Speakers were from many Countries including Prof Alia Alghwiri.

In closing, the President thanked all the EXCO and the Secretariat for their continued support for all the events organized. Currently Mr President is wearing 2 hats which is as the president and a member of the Council in the MAHPC. All the EXCO are working physiotherapist and sacrifice their weekends for the Association. Each has contributed to the success of the running of the Association.

3. Attendance and Apologies

Invitation were sent to 2,000 members via the Website. 220 members responded and confirmed attending but only 180 attended via in person. 11 members sent their apologies for not being able to attend the 60th Annual General Meeting 2022.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting

Minutes were approved with corrections to the following;

1. To edit and add full name of members in the minutes;
pg 7. Datin Sharifah Khairiyah Syed Mohamad, Datin Hajah Asiah Mohd Hashim, Datin Khadijah Mohd Noor Tahir.
pg 8. Andrew Teh Chuan Peng, Shu Tze Shyuan
2. Item 5.2 The topic "Secretariat" to be changed to "MPA Puchong Property"
3. Item 3.5 'phased out' to be changed to 'implemented'
4. Spelling and grammatical error to be corrected.
5. Query as to why Non-Member were allowed to attend the AGM. It was clarified that the Constitution it does not prohibit Non-Members from attending the AGM. For this AGM, it was allowed allowed by the Committee as the event was used to explain about the Allied Health Care Act to the therapist. The few therapist who attended were from Kedah and they had travelled to KL to hear about the Act.
6. The name Jeffery Amaran to be removed from the absent with apologies list.

Proposed : Adilia Nur Amirulhusni Alshukor

Seconded : Tamilchelvi A/P Muniandy

5. Matters arising from the 59th Annual General Meeting

5.1 Change in the Constitution

This effort of change to the Constitution began in earnest in 2020 when the Secretary went to ROS to make amendments to the Constitution to add the 2 new EXCO members. The EXCO 2021 to 2022 began the process of amending the constitution. An attempt via ZOOM meeting was done but the EXCO found the process too difficult and decided to arrange a face to face workshop. The COVID restrictions limited this attempt and so we are hoping to begin again after this AGM.

Once the amendments were made, the constitution will be brought to the AGM for approval from all the members.

A member, Mr Tan Wei Loon brought up the issue that currently the Members especially the new members, would like the Constitution be made available to all Therapists. The Committee acknowledged the point and apologized for the shortcomings and will make the Constitution available by next week on the Website.

5.2 Puchong Property

The Vice President mentioned that MPA has the original title/deed that is now under the name of The Malaysian Physiotherapy Association. The current state of the Property is very poor being in the 4th floor. The neighbors are all foreigners. The current market price of the unit is from RM180 to RM200,000.00.

We have placed the unit on the website from 2018. Since then there have been no buyers. Currently there is 1 buyer is asking for RM150,000.00. The committee has a proposal to put forward to the floor later in the Agenda under AOB.

6.0 Financial Report

6.1 We have maintained the Auditors with Lo & CO. for the financial year 2022.

6.2 There is an increase in balance carried forward in 2022. An increase of 11.69% for a total of RM148,505 ringgit.

6.3 Income has increase by 54.83% equivalent to RM155,889. Membership entrance and subscription fee had reduced by 14.35%, a total of RM36,775. Surplus after tax also had reduced by 13.55% (RM23,279) for the year end 2022.

6.4 Expenditure has increased in 2022 by 158.15%, an increase of RM178,168.

These are some of the explanation of the expenditure under expenses;

6.4.1 Equipment rental totaled RM3,000. This included rental of equipment for courses during the PT conference in September, 2022 AGM in Crystal Crown and the PO Box rental.

6.4.2 Hall Rental of RM15,100. Among the expenses in the rental during AGM is RM13,500, the rest was for EXCO meeting and the DNS course.

6.4.3 AGM expenses also included charges for the software ZOOM meeting which was RM3,425.

6.4.4 Bank charges is for Telegraphic transfers made for speakers amounting to RM816.

6.4.5 Consultants fee is for the 2 Secretariats who are employed by the MPA. The term is used by the auditors for auditing purposes. The floor requested the EXCO to see if it is possible to ask the auditors to change the term to something more suitable. The incoming EXCO will discuss with the Auditors.

The floor feels the cost of RM15,000 is too much to be paid to the Secretariat. The EXCO has only employed the secretariat to help out with the MPA conference and any work needed for assistance. A previous AGM had already agreed to allow the EXCO to employ a secretariat with reasonable emolument.

6.4.6 Events spent for the period 2022 to 2023 included,

1. Bowling
2. Dorsett September Conference
3. Purchasing of devices for Dry Needling
4. Dinner in September
5. 4 workshops

Total came up to RM124,597.

6.4.7 Gifts and Expenses

Gifts and expenses given to school students In Putrajaya where the MPA had a done an education program on health and exercise.

6.4.8 Workshop

Tools used for the workshop belongs to MPA. Currently stored in the VP premise.

The floor requested the breakdown of the finances to be presented together with the Finance report so that the members will understand what the expenditure is used for. This will help them have a better understanding of the expenditure before the AGM. The next EXCO will prepare the report in clarity in the next AGM.

6.4.9 Current Financial status as at 18th March 2023,

The MPA has 1.5million. Current account is RM533,699.76, FDRM958,556.07 interest for 2023 is pending for the FD.

6.4.10 Mdm Ooi Chai Imm queried why the EXCO is keeping in hand RM420,013 in bank balances. She feels that is too much money to be kept on hand. Mr Secretary mentioned that the committee would normally transfer anything more then 200k into a fixed deposit but the current CIMB bank has very poor interest rates and are looking for better interests rates from other banks.

6.4.11 Dr Devinder Kaur inquired as to the reason the travelling and accommodation had increased by 50%. Mr President explained that the expense were for the SIG groups and Speakers for workshop since we had more face to face workshops.

Approval : Dhanaraj Gunaratnam

Seconded : Tharani Sivalingam

7. State Representative Report

There are no updates from the states representative.

8. Any Other Business.

8.1.1 En Helmi inquired about the possibilites for sponsorship for State Association. Mr President mentioned that in the past, The MPA have collaborated in the State Association to co-organise events. The MPA will continue to organize events with the State Association.

8.1.2 En Helmi also asked about the limiting of the EXCO to 2 terms. It had previously been brought up in a previous AGM and the floor that time agreed that if the EXCO is performing they ought to continue. But Mr President agreed that if this is a relevant subject, the next EXCO will bring up as a proposal in the next AGM and presented for a vote by the members. The floor agreed.

8.1.3 En Helmi inquired about the current progress of the affiliation between state PT Assoc and the MPA. Mr President had attempted to collaborate with the State Association. But the discussion fell through and the MPA did not continue with the effort. Nevertheless the Association will find ways to continue to support the states association and find ways to bring all Associations under 1 roof.

8.2.1 Mr Sivaneswaran Suppiah brought up the issue of the status of Life Members. He has been a member for the past 30 years. Mr Sivaneswaran has requested that the Life Members be given to members who have been long standing members be given preference as Life Members. He requested the issue with the Life Members be resolved the soonest as it has been prolonged for a long time.

8.2.2 Mr Sivaneswaran Suppiah asked the MPA to give a token to the next of kin of members who have been members and active for a long time.

8.3 Sale of Puchong Property.

The Committee requested the floor to approve the sale of the Puchong Property at RM150,000.00. The floor understands that the total amount is before deduction of Agents fee or other fees.

Agree : Unanimous

Disagree : Nil

The President thanked all those who attended and on behalf of the EXCO 2021/23 would like to thank all the members for their patience and support. On behalf of the EXCO the President also apologized for any shortcomings the EXCO had during their 2 year tenure and he hopes that the members will continue to support the new EXCO.

With that the current EXCO 2021/2023 has been dissolved.

In nominating the Chairman for the election the proposal received was for the following .

Mr Marc Daniel

Proposed by : Assoc Professor Dr Haidzir Manaf

Seconded by : Ms Leena Lee Poh Chen

The floor had no objections and Mr Marc Daniel assumed the role of Election Chairman.

9. Election of Office Bearers for Period 2023 - 2025

The Chairman thanked the out-going EXCO on their hard work and dedication and emphasized to all present that the position of the EXCO is a heavy responsibility as this represents the Physiotherapy in the Country. He advised all those present to vote wisely for the upcoming new Executive Committee.

The Chairman requested for volunteers and scrutineers to collect the votes and count the votes.
Those that volunteered were ;

1. R. Rubini A/P K. Ravandran
2. Shamala A/P Rajendran
3. Lili Lim Khee Li
4. Jason Ngo Jia Sheng
5. Mohd Helmi Bin Hashim
6. Jeevita A/P Manokaran
7. Mohd Azizi Bin Alis @ Alias
8. Genevieve Chan

There was a proposal from the floor to allow those nominated for the main posts to introduce themselves and to be given a 2 minute timeframe to propose a manifesto. The floor agreed.

Proposer : Ooi Chai Imm
Seconded : Chan Sook Chin

Election of Office Bearers 2023 to 2025.

Position of President

Nomination received :

1. **Assoc Prof Dr Haidzir Abd Manaf** - 139
2. Yew Su Fen - 40

Position of Vice President

Nomination received :

1. **Shu Tze Shyuan** - 109
2. Dr Katijjahbe Md Ali - 70

Position of Secretary

Nomination received :

1. **Joachim John Fernandez** - 101
2. Asnawi Mohd Tan - 24
3. Cheah Chen Kang - 8
4. Halizahanim Hassan - 46

Position of Assistant Secretary

Nomination received :

1. **Leena Lee Poh Chen** - Uncontested

Position of Treasurer

Nomination received :

1. **Zailene Deliza Husaini** - 89
2. Nur Hidayah Ong Abdullah - 75
3. Asnawi Mohd Tan - 5
4. Hassanul Basri Hanafi - 9

Position of EXCO

Nomination received :

1. **Dr Noor Hafifi Noor Hisham** (1) 93
2. Muhamad Faiz Alias (2) 36

3. Hazwani Halil	(3) 116
4. Andrew Teh Chuang Peng	(4) 132
5. Dr Noor Azliyan Azizan	(5) 64
6. Ahmad Hulaimi Abdul Halim	(6) 44
7. Nur Hidayah Ong Abdullah	(7) 77
8. Malathi Karalasingam	(8) 68
9. Dr Fatim Tahirah Mirza	(14) 42
10. Anmol Kaur Manjit Singh	(15) 38
11. Tuan Yu Ming	(16) 36
12. Tamilchelvi Muniandy	(17) 66
13. Eow Sze Kim	(18) 86


The New Executive Committee for the MPA for the period 2023 to 2025 is as follows ;

President	- Dr Haidzir Manaf
Vice President	- Shu Tze Shyuan
Honorary Secretary	- Joachim Fernandez
Asst. Secretary	- Leena Lee Poh Chen
Treasurer	- Zailene Deliza Husaini
Committee Members	- Nor Hidayah Ong Abdullah
Committee Members	- Andrew Teh Chuang Peng
Committee Members	- Eow Sze Kim
Committee Members	- Hazwani Halil
Committee Members	- Malathi Karalasingam
Committee Members	- Dr Noor Hafifi Noor Hisham

With the election of the New EXCO, Mr Marc Daniel called the AGM and Election to a close.

The AGM adjourned at 6:00pm


Mr. Joachim John Fernandez
 Honorary Secretary


Assoc. Prof Dr Haidzir Manaf
 President