



AGM Minutes

Date: 21 March 2015 (Saturday)
Time: 16:30-18:00
Venue: Room KK101, KK Leung Building, the University of Hong Kong
No. of Full Members: 20
No. of Proxy Forms: 7

Agenda:

1. Receive and adopt the agenda
2. Receive and adopt the minutes of last AGM
3. Receive the President's report
4. Receive and endorse the auditor's report for the financial year 2013-14
5. Re-appoint Lau & Au Yeung CPA Limited as the association's auditor until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting
6. Elect the new cabinet of the Executive Committee
7. Vote on the establishment of the new Professional Member category
8. AOB

Minutes:

1. Quorum
The General Secretary confirmed that a quorum was attained. The meeting commenced at 16:30.
2. Agenda
 - Motioned by Kenny Leung, seconded by Yan Wa Tat. Agenda was received and adopted by members.
3. Last AGM minutes
 - Motioned by Freeman Cheung, seconded by Janet Chan. Minutes of the last AGM was adopted by members.
4. President's report
 - The President's report was presented by Wilson Tsui for the work of EMAHK in 2014 and the plan for 2015.
 - Motioned by Sarah Mak, seconded by Henry Ho. The President's report was received by members.
5. Auditor's report for the financial year 2013-14
 - Summary presented by Vincent Chan and a copy was circulated among members.
 - Motioned by Edward Oosthuisen, seconded by Teresa Leung. Audited report was endorsed by members.
6. Re-appoint Lau & Au Yeung CPA Limited as the association's auditor
 - Motioned by Vincent Chan, seconded by Kenny Leung. Lau & Au Yeung CPA Limited was reappointed as auditor and confirmed by members.

7. Elect the new cabinet of the Executive Committee
 - New cabinet members and their positions introduced by Wilson Tsui as follows:
 - President – Wilson Tsui
 - Immediate Past President – Clement Lam
 - Treasurer – Vincent Chan
 - Co-secretary – Janet Chan and Edward Oosthuisen
 - VP Internal – Sarah Mak
 - VP External – Nicola Cheung Young
 - VP Activities – Teresa Leung
 - VP Membership – Shaun Martin
 - Committee members – Archana Anand, Sam Chang, Maria Francesch, Henry Ho, Martin Wan
 - ENVM Class representative – Allen Chan
 - A note of thanks was given to Professor Kenny Leung and Dr. Billy Hau for their guidance in the past year.
 - Motioned by Yan Wa Tat, seconded by Freeman Cheung. New Executive Committee cabinet accepted and confirmed by members.

8. Establishment of the Professional member category
 - Wilson Tsui introduced the background and the need for a Professional member category to be added to EMAHK.
 - Part of the EMAHK vision is “Establish the Association as a leading and recognised contributor ... to the advancement of environmental management as a professional field”
 - Currently, professional status for environmental practitioners in Hong Kong are affiliated with a specific discipline, and are primarily in technical areas
 - eg. Engineering (HKIE), EIA (HKIEIA), Waste (CIWEM), Noise (HKIOA), etc.
 - Environmental practitioners in other areas such as biodiversity, conservation, sustainability, etc. are not receiving any professional recognition
 - It was proposed to set up a new category of EMAHK membership for members meeting strict education and/or work experience requirements
 - Expected to ride on the current Full member category with additional work and managerial experience requirements
 - Actual requirements will be worked out by a task force and reported to members once ready
 - In the future, some type of mutual recognition with other professional organization(s) is expected, and members can possibly obtain memberships in those organizations as well.
 - After discussions, it was agreed that a Task Force will be set up to prepare a final proposal for further discussion and review.
 - Motioned by Sam Chang, seconded by Clement Lam. Members confirmed the establishment of the new membership category, and the setting up of the task force to prepare a proposal to move forward.

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- a. An update was provided by Wilson Tsui regarding the incorporation of EMAHK, and further as a charitable organization. The process is in progress, and communication will be sent to members once we reach a milestone.
- b. The following suggestions were raised by members and will be followed up by the Executive Committee:
 - Initiate a membership drive.
 - Make available a list of university representatives on the EMAHK website to help bring in student members, as well as enhance the association as a reputable organization accepted by the higher education institutions.
 - Prepare a list of government policy papers to be published in 2015 and determine which ones relate to the mission and vision of EMAHK. Once these papers are put forth for comments, members' input can be sought in a systematic way.
 - Organize biannual social gatherings in addition to events and activities mentioned in the President's Report.
 - Organize a photo and/or video competition.
 - Provide assistance in managing the Climate Change website.

There being no other business, the President thanked all those present for their time, and the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Prepared by: 
Sarah Mak
General Secretary

Issued by: 
Wilson Tsui
President

Dated: 2nd April, 2015