



The British Malaysian Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held at the Travellers Club, 106 Pall Mall, London at 6.00 pm on Thursday 15 June 2017

1. Apologies

There were 37 attendees. There were no apologies noted.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 June 2016

The minutes of last year's meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman, Anthony Cooper, welcomed all those attending. He was also pleased to see Puan Sri Liz Moggie (wife of TNB Chairman Tan Sri Leo Moggie) and Charles Humphrey (a former British ambassador to Indonesia and current Chairman of the Anglo Indonesian Society) were present.

The Chairman announced new honorary membership for Dato' Neville Green and Dr John Breakell for their invaluable service and support to the Society over many years.

2016 had been an active year during which the BMS had held 14 events – two topical, three on business matters, four on education and culture, and five other events including Annual Dinner. Members were also invited to other events by affiliated organisations and Malaysian organisations including the Malaysian High Commissioner, MIDA and MARTRADE. The Chairman highlighted the good relationship that had been established with the Malaysian High Commission and especially the High Commissioner, Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, who hosted two events in 2016.

2016 also saw an increase in membership especially younger members. Two-thirds of current membership joined in last five years. Two key areas of focus for the Society this year are

corporate membership and student engagement. As regards corporate membership, the Chairman announced the new arrangement and the signing of MOU with the British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (BMCC). The reciprocal relationship aims to increase the opportunities and benefits of both members of the BMCC and BMS towards the common objective of fostering stronger relations between the UK and Malaysia.

Student engagement efforts are led by the Deputy Chair and the Secretary to establish closer relationship with students and universities. Discussions are underway with Association of Malaysian Economics Undergraduates (AMEU) to develop a new arrangement. Further opportunities are also being explored with other student organisations.

The Chairman announced the appointment of Mei Sim Lai as the Deputy Chairman who will succeed him as the Chairman at the AGM in 2018. He also noted the retirement of three Executive Committee members (Dr John Breakell, Julian Metcalfe and Dato Seri Johan Raslan) and thanked them for their services and support to the Society.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the President, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart and the Vice Presidents, Sir David Greenaway and Lord Powell for their tremendous support to the Society. He noted Sir David Greenaway's retirement as Vice Chancellor of Nottingham University and Chairman of the Russell Group of Universities in September 2017. He also thanked members of the Executive Committee.

5. Treasurer's Report and 2016 Audited Accounts

Accounts for 2016 have been signed and loaded onto the website. 2016 was a year of growth for membership especially younger members. To date we have 13 corporate members, 126 individual members and 16 student members. The Treasurer thanked all members for their continued support.

The Treasurer highlighted our healthy financial position with more than adequate reserves, which put us on a sound footing for the longer term. We have managed to run a programme of successful events with low costs due to our good relationship with The Traveller's Club, as well as the support from corporate members who provided free premises for some events.

The Treasurer also noted that the website maintenance has been transferred to a new service provider. He also thanked Simon Hoy of Anova who are our auditors.

6. Re-election of Anova as Auditors

The Treasurer proposed that Anova be re-appointed as Auditors for the financial year 2017, which was duly seconded and agreed.

7. Election of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee proposed the following resolution, which was adopted:

That the following members of the Executive Committee, including those co-opted since the last AGM, it being assumed that being eligible for re-election they so offer themselves, be elected:

Dato' Anthony Cooper (Chairman)
Zehan Albakri-Verden (Deputy Chair)
Mei Sim Lai (Deputy Chair)
Dr Euvian Tan (Hon Secretary)
Peter Farrar (Hon Treasurer)
Stephanie Cheong (Events Organiser)
Martin Barrow
Albert Bong
Jason Brooke
Dato' Zarir Cama
Dato' Neville Green
Haliza Hashim-Doyle
Azimah Heus
Michael Thompson
Rahiyah Yahya

8. Any other business

Members were reminded of our upcoming events including the Eid dinner, a talk on the palm oil industry and HE Vicki Treadell's talk. The Chairman also highlighted three key events in the autumn: Merdeka Concert at St Lawrence Jewry, Annual Dinner at Inner Temple and Christmas Reception at House of Lords.

The President, Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, thanked the Chairman and the Executive Committee for their support and services to the Society. He also commended the Society's move to involve more students and fully supported the Committee's efforts to explore all avenues in creating effective student engagement.

The Chairman closed the AGM and the President invited members to join the reception.