

**SUMMARY OF 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING SINGAPORE (SAEng)  
MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014, 1730 HOURS  
VENUE: NANYANG EXECUTIVE CENTRE, NTU**

**1            PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**

- 1.1 President welcomed and thanked all Fellows for taking their precious time to attend the meeting. President went through the agenda for the AGM for the meeting’s information.

**2            SECRETARY’S REPORT**

- 2.1 Professor Freddy Boey presented the Secretary’s report to the meeting for comments. Prof Chou Siaw Kiang added that the Science Centre Singapore will be setting up an engineering gallery and has requested the Academy to provide a panel of experts for the engineering exhibits.
- 2.2 The meeting noted that there could be a resurgence of interest in the engineering profession as the local universities attracted an increased number of top students this year for their engineering programmes compared to the previous year.
- 2.3 President requested the meeting for comments and suggestions on the projects presented in the report. Fellows deliberated and endorsed the report without any amendment.

**3            TREASURER’S REPORT**

- 3.1 Professor Andrew Nee presented the Treasurer’s report to the meeting for comments.
- With regards to the suggestion on identifying a good story to raise funds for the Academy, the meeting discussed and agreed that as the projects currently undertaken by the Academy do not require substantial funding, it would be difficult to use the projects as a selling point for raising funds for the Academy.
- 3.2 President requested the meeting for comments on the report. Fellows endorsed the report without any amendment.

**4            FORMATION OF EXPERT GROUPS**

- 4.1 President reiterated that the Academy is a non-governmental organization (NGO) which receives no funding from the government and provides expert

guidance on national issues and agenda pertaining to the engineering profession.

- 4.2 President informed that four expert groups had been formed and five new expert groups are proposed to be formed for Fellows to deliberate and provide expert advice on key issues currently faced by Singapore.
- 4.3 President shared that comments were requested from Fellows for the existing projects but as no comments or feedback were received, he encouraged Fellows to be more forthcoming and actively participate in the Academy's projects and activities.
- 4.4 Professor Freddy Boey opined that Fellows should strive to introduce new ideas which are game changers to influence government policies on national issues pertaining to the engineering profession.
- 4.5 Professor Chen Charng Ning suggested that the Academy could establish professional networks with other professional engineering organisations in the region by sharing engineering expertise and advice on issues related to land transportation and water resources.
- 4.6 Professor Chou Siaw Kiang remarked that with the growing awareness and interest on renewable energy in Singapore, the Academy's project on renewable energy could attract interest and funding from the government in future.
- 4.7 Fellows also suggested that the exhibits at the Science Centre Singapore should be revamped to make it more creative, interesting and practical so as to attract more young students to take up the engineering profession.

## **5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 5.1 President reported that the Academy was exploring to produce corporate collar pins and ties with the Academy logo which could be presented as a corporate gift for Fellows, donors and visitors.
- 5.2 President informed that Fellows who have not received their Fellow certificates could be presented with the certificate at the IES Annual Dinner held on 24 October 2014. President commented that the presentation of certificates by the Guest-of-Honour Dr Vivian Balakrishnan would provide good publicity for the Academy and foster closer ties with IES.

Fellows who are unable to attend the IES Annual Dinner could receive their Fellow certificates via registered mail.