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Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Malaysian Association of Clinical Biochemists (MACB), held on the 22nd July 2024 at Hotel Royale Chulan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

PRESENT:

(Physical)

1.	RAJA ELINA BINTI RAJA AZIDDIN
2.	TUNKU MARINAH ASHRAF BINTI TUNKU ABDULLAH
3.	CHUO PECK HAM
4.	CHEN BEE CHIN
5.	NURUL AMIN ABU BAKAR
6.	ROZIELA ABU BAKAR
7.	VANI A/P MUNUSAMY
8.	CHEW YEE YEAN
9.	MOHD FIRDAUS BIN ABDUL AZIZ
10.	NUR AISHAH BINTI SHARUDIN
11.	MR HAREEFF MUHAMMED
12.	DR NORLIDA BINTI HARUN
13.	DR NORDIANA BINTI ROSLI
14.	NORAFEADEAH MOHFD NOR
15.	NUR ELIANI AKMA MOHD ZABARI
16.	NAFISAH MOHAMAD NOOR
17.	LIM KEE KEE
18.	ASMALIZA BINTI AB MANAN
19.	SITI SUHANA ABDULLAH SOHEIMI
20.	CHAN RU SIN
21.	YEOH AI CHIN
22.	ABDULLAH FAHIM BIN AHMAD HAMDAN
23.	MOHAMMAD ABU BAKAR
24.	SITI ZALEHA BINTI ABU BAKAR
25.	NORAZLINA BINTI MOHAMAD
26.	DR LESLIE CHARLES LAI

(Virtual)

27.	NICHOLAS HULUS
28.	AZUAN MUHAFIZ BIN ABDUL KARIM
29.	DR RAFEZAH RAZALI
30.	NAFISAH MOHAMAD NOOR
31.	NUR AISHAH BINTI SHARUDIN
32.	NOORAZRIN MUSA
33.	YUSNIZA MAMAT
34.	LINA WATI BINTI DURANI
35.	ABDULLAH FAHIM BIN AHMAD HAMDAN
36.	MARINA SHAH

1.0 Opening of Meeting and President's Address

The President, Y.M Raja Dr. Elina binti Raja Aziddin, called the meeting to order at 4.30pm as the requisite quorum was present. The President extended her warm welcome to all members present and thanked those who attended the meeting virtually. She delivered the opening address, highlighting the Council's activities and achievements for the 2023-2024 term. Key points included:

- 1.1** Various activities were successfully conducted under the Scientific, Education, Journal & Scientific Publication, Communication & Publicity, MACB Awards, and Corporate Affairs Committees.
 - 1.1.1** Scientific and Task Forces: Several task forces/working groups were proposed under the Scientific Committee and are actively seeking interested members, with a strong emphasis on encouraging corporate members to join these subcommittees.
 - 1.1.2** The MACB CKD Task Force will soon be publishing the 2nd edition of the CKD Guidelines.
- 1.2** A new Laboratory Management Committee has been established and is headed by En Mohd Hareeff Mohamed. These committees will be setting up new task forces to focus on key issues in clinical biochemistry and laboratory medicine.
- 1.3** The Journal Committee has successfully published the MACB Journal, and members were encouraged to submit papers. The MACB will also be collaborating with UKM to provide a Professional Certificate Course in Clinical Biochemistry, with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) having been signed.
- 1.4** MACB Awards 2024 marks the 3rd year for the Young Scientist Awards, and eligible members were encouraged to apply.
- 1.5** International Engagement:
 - a) APFCB: The MACB will be sending a team to the APFCB Congress 2024 in Sydney to promote the APFCB Congress 2027 in Kuala Lumpur. The APFCB has also launched a platform for hosting webinars, and national societies are encouraged to submit proposals.
 - b) IFCC: The IFCC is offering the Professional Exchange Program which members are entitled to apply.
- 1.6** Administrative Updates: The MACB's records are updated up to 2022 with the Registrar of Societies (ROS), with the 2023 update currently in progress. The Council held three meetings during the term.

2.0 Adoption and Confirmation of the 33rd AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 33rd MACB AGM, which was held physically, also virtually on the Microsoft Team platform on 25th November 2023 at Triune 11, Triune Centre BO1-A 09, Menara 2, 3, Jalan Bangsar, KL Eco City, were presented and adopted.

Proposer : Mdm Noor Azrin Musa (Hospital Ampang)
Seconder : Mdm Lim Kee Kee (Hospital Ampang)

3.0 Matters Arising from The Minutes of the 33rd AGM

The meeting noted specific follow-up from the previous term regarding Scientific Committee initiatives. Dr Leslie highlighted the importance of initiative and collaboration with private

laboratories and AstraZeneca (AZ) support for key scientific projects, including activities by the MACB-CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease) Taskforce.

4.0 Adoption of the Annual Report 2023/2024

The annual report was presented by the Secretary and the Chairman of each subcommittee. The Annual Report was adopted.

Proposer : Dr Leslie Charles Lai (Gleneagles Hospital Kuala Lumpur)
Seconder : Mr Mohd Firdaus Bin Abdul Aziz (National Cancer Institute)

5.0 Adoption of Audited Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

The audited account for 2023 was presented by Treasurer. The Chairman then invited members to comment or ask for any clarification on the annual accounts of the association. The Chairman put the motion to adopt the account. The account was adopted unanimously.

Proposer : Ms Chan Ru Sin (Thompson Medical Centre)
Seconder : Dr. Lina Wati Binti Durani (Hospital Tunku Azizah)

6.0 Appointment of Auditors for the Current Financial Year 2024

The meeting appointed the following two (2) internal auditors for the current financial year:

- Mdm Kamisah Karim (Bahagian Sains Kesihatan Bersekutu, BSKB)
- Mdm Ainul Liza Ahmat (Hospital Tunku Azizah)

7.0 Resolution of Constitution Amendments

7.1 Proposed Motion: International Membership Policy

- a) President raised a significant concern regarding the association's membership policy for foreigners as interest shown by many individuals wanting to join MACB.
- b) Dr Leslie Charles Lai highlighted the potential constitutional risks and policy implications, such as the possibility of foreign members being elected to crucial executive positions like President or Council member, and proposing the ADLM (Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine) full membership structure as a reference model to address these issues.
- c) Mdm Chew Yee Yean suggested that accepting new foreign applicants as Associate Members would be a simpler, immediate mechanism to encourage participation without granting full executive rights.
- d) President further suggested the need for a rigorous vetting mechanism for all international applicants, requiring applicants to be supported by a referee, national society, or association from their home country.
- e) **Council Response:** The Council noted this matter for further discussion and resolution which will require constitutional review.

7.2 Proposed Motion: Assistant Treasurer Position

- a) The Treasurer, Mdm Chen Bee Chin, raised the need to appoint an Assistant Treasurer from amongst the Council members to assist with the growing financial administration workload.
- b) Dr Leslie Charles Lai commented that the Council must first officially approach the Registrar of Societies (ROS) regarding the creation of any extra executive post, as new positions cannot be created or converted directly during the Annual General Meeting without prior constitutional steps.
- c) **Council Response:** The Council agreed to note the suggestion and address the proper procedure outside of the AGM.

8.0 Election Of MACB Council Members for The 2024-2026 Term

- 8.1 The meeting proceeded with the election of the MACB Council for the 2024-2026 term. The voting process was conducted via online polling plat.
- 8.2 The following members were duly elected to the MACB Council for the 2024-2026 term:

President : Dr. Raja Elina binti Raja Aziddin
Vice President : Mdm Chew Yee Yean
Secretary : Mdm Chuo Peck Ham
Treasurer : Mdm Chen Bee Chin
Assistant Secretary: Ms Yeoh Ai Chin
Elected Council Member
1: Ms Vani a/p Munusamy
2: Mr Hareeff Muhammed
3: Mr Abdullah Fahim Bin Ahmad Hamdan
4: Dr Nurulamin Abu Bakar

9.0 Any other Matters

Dr Loh Tze Ping, who is an APFCB Travel Lecturer and current participant in the PBQC workshop, expressed a keen interest in collaborating with MACB to host or conduct training in the North/Sabah/Sarawak region (regional training).

10.0 Lucky Draw

A lucky draw was conducted for physical attendees. Ms. Vani a/p Munusamy facilitated the lucky draw, with prizes distributed to the winning members.

11.0 Closing Remarks

The President, Y.M Raja Dr. Elina delivered the closing remarks, thanking all members for their attendance and active participation in the 34th Annual General Meeting. The President expressed hope to see all members physically at the next AGM.

The 34th Annual General Meeting was officially adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Prepared by:



CHUO PECK HAM

Secretary

MACB Council 2024/2026

Certified Correct by:



RAJA DR ELINA RAJA AZIDDIN

President

MACB Council 2024/2026