



**MINUTES OF THE 33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE, 02-01, CENTRAL MALL,  
5, MAGAZINE ROAD, SINGAPORE 059571  
ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2004 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Leslie Fong (chairman), Narendra Aggarwal, Bhagaman Singh, Kelly Teoh, Bala A. Chandran, Tan Joo Hock, Ronald Lam, Mano Sabnani, Ismail Kassim, Bob Ng, Richard Koong, Peter H. L. Lim, Basskaran Nair, Conrad Raj, Ang Lay Leong, Lau Joon-Nie, Thomas Wee, George Joseph, Philip Lee and Adeline Quek.

A total of 20 members attended the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF THE 32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Peter H. L. Lim and seconded by Bob Ng.

**2. ANNUAL REPORT**

The Annual Report for 2003 was passed. It was proposed by Bob Ng and seconded by Richard Koong.

**3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Annual Statement of Accounts for 2003 was passed, proposed by Bala A. Chandran and seconded by Philip Lee. The chairman accepted the suggestion that henceforth, more detailed information be provided in the notes accompanying financial statements.

**4. ELECTIONS**

The following were elected to the 2004-05 Management Committee:

President	: Leslie Fong (re-elected)
Vice Presidents	: Bob Ng (re-elected) Mano Sabnani (re-elected) Basskaran Nair
Hon. Secretary	: Narendra Aggarwal (re-elected)
Hon. Asst. Secretary	: Lau Joon-Nie
Hon. Treasurer	: Ronald Lam
Hon. Asst. Treasurer	: Bhagman Singh
Committee Members	: Peter Lim (re-elected), Debra Soon (re-elected), Conrad Raj, Philip Lee, George Joseph, Christina Cheang (re-elected) and Richard Koong
Auditor	: Messrs Chan Kum Chee & Co (re-appointed)
Hon. Legal Advisor	: Mr Martin Marini (re-appointed)

**5. SECRETARIAT**

Some members suggested that a full-time secretary be appointed to handle secretariat work and ease the load on the Honorary Secretary. Club President Leslie Fong said there was no objection to that, in principle, but to be prudent financially, there must be enough work to justify having a full-time staff. He also said members ought to be mindful of the difference between having a person handling secretarial work and one planning and organising events and activities. The latter would probably have to be a marketing professional and would cost a lot more to hire than a full-time secretary.

In response to questions from the floor, the president also spoke about the apparent poor response to social events organised by the club. He said he and other management committee members had noted this for a long time. He personally had long resigned himself to the fact that if today's members, unlike those of yesteryear, did not want to attend social events, then there was nothing he or any official could do. He would instead focus the club's energy on organising those activities related to the media professions that always drew good response, such as talks by leading newsmakers. Those events had lots more appeal probably because members found them more rewarding professionally.

Nevertheless, he said, the new Management Committee would look at strengthening secretarial support.

Narendra Aggarwal  
Hon. Secretary  
2 April 2004