

**Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Singapore Business & Professional Women's Association held on Saturday, 23 September 2017, 2:00 p.m., at the Conference Room of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, 6 Battery Road, 23-02, Singapore 049909.**

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**1. Roll Call / Apologies for Absence**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent with apologies</b>
Anita Tan (President)	Aneta Ivanova (Hon Secretary)
Beth Candice Wu (1 <sup>st</sup> VP)	Fiona Tan-Low (Publicity)
Elsy Teo (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Nirmala Kodemela
Janet Sosna (Membership)	Marion Neubronner
Linda Chiang (Hon Treasurer)	
Berengere Roig (Programmes)	
Darshini Santhanam (Education & Personal Devt)	
Valerie Lim (Young BPW)	
Vivien Goh	
Shelley Siu	
Euna Lim	

<b>Member</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Tatiana Pochet	Berengere Roig
Ulvia Zeynalova-Bockin	Berengere Roig
Vivien Chiam	Linda Chiang

Paid up members: 33 (as of 30 June 2016)

AGM attended by 13 members

- 2. Confirmation of Quorum** –The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm. No quorum was present so the meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm and the quorum was confirmed.
- 3. Adoption of minutes of 45<sup>th</sup> AGM**
  - Proposed by: Janet Sosna
  - Seconded by: Vivien Goh
- 4. Annual Report of the Executive Committee 2016-2017**  
Reports were circulated and points were highlighted, and strategies for the new term were discussed as well.

The reports were adopted, proposed by Vivien Goh and seconded by Linda Chiang

## 5. Audited financial accounts of the financial year ended 30 June 2017

The audited accounts were presented. They were accepted, proposed by Janet Sosna, seconded by Berenge Roig

There was a discussion on moving some of the reserves from Hong Leong Finance to a capital guaranteed instrument based on currency trades, with a potential of 12% interest gains per annum. Since the funds are principal guaranteed, we are only risking 6 months of interest at HLF.

Resolution:

It was resolved that \$25,000.00 be moved from HLF to the capital guaranteed currency instrument for a 6-month trial.

Proposed by Linda Chiang and seconded by Berenge Roig

## 6. Election of the members of the Executive Committee 2017-2018

The positions for the 2017/2018 Executive Committee were:

Officers	Nominees	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Beth Candice Wu	Anita Tan	Janet Sosna
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President*	Elssy Teo	Vivien Goh	Linda Chiang
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Berengere Roig	Valerie Lim	Beth Candice Wu
Honorary Secretary	Aneta Ivanova (to be co-opted)		
Asst Hon Secretary	Janet Sosna	Vivien Goh	Elssy Teo
Honorary Treasurer	Nina Cacanta (to be co-opted)		
Asst Hon Treasurer	Linda Chiang	Beth Candice Wu	Darshini Santhanam

Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Programmes	Ulvia Zeynalova-Bockin	Darshini Santhanam	Beth Candice Wu
Membership	Darshini Santhanam	Beth Candice Wu	Valerie Lim
Editorial & Publicity	Euna Lim	Beth Candice Wu	Darshini Santhanam
Young BPW	Valerie Lim (to be co-opted)		

- \*Contested Position: 1<sup>st</sup> VP
  - Valerie Lim - 5 votes
  - Elssy Teo – 6 votes
  - Elssy Teo was declared the elected 1<sup>st</sup> VP

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to take on the Education and Personal Development portfolio; including the annual fund raising event for bursary award.
- The candidates for the positions of Hon Secretary – Aneta Ivanova and Hon Treasurer – Nina Cacananta, had agreed to assume the positions, but had not sent in signed nomination forms, so they will be co-opted at the first exco meeting.
- Appointment of Honorary Auditors 2017-2018: Vivien Goh and Vivien Chiam

**7. AOB:**

- Discussions on how to coordinate programmes and membership – the conclusion is to increase engagement of existing members and to build an eco-system of network within the chapter.
- Anita Tan thanked her out-going committee for their help and assistance.
- Invitation to the new president to take the chair of the meeting.

With no further business, the AGM ended at 4.00pm.

Recorded by:

Approved by:

Elssy Teo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
2016-2017

Anita Tan  
President  
2016-2017