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MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
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MINUTES OF THE 66TH MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (MMA AGM) [Hybrid]

Held at the Grand Ballroom, AC Hotel by Marriott,
Ipoh, Perak.

On 11th September 2026 at 4:00 P.M. &
12th September 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

JOHOR

1. Dr A. Selvarajoo A/L S. Andrum
2. Dr Azzad Bin Hamzah
3. Dr Bjinder Singh A/L Jagjit Singh
4. Dr Darshini Subramaniam A/P Subramaniam
5. Dr Guruparan A/L S Rajalingam
6. Dr Hooi Lai Seong, PIS II
7. Dr Muruga Raj A/L Rajathurai
8. Dr Prabha @ Shanthi A/P Subramaniam
9. Dr Sim Jian Hao
10. Dr Tan Yeh Mao

KEDAH

1. Assoc Prof Dr A K M Moniruddin Chowdhury
2. Dr Annuar Husainy Hussein
3. Dr Arvindran A/L Alaga
4. Dr Bavani Naido A/P Munisamy Naidu
5. Dr Delini Devi Ramadras
6. Dr Edwin Jude A/L Gnanasegaran
7. Dr Kabirurahman Abd Rashid
8. Dr Kevin Raj A/L Selvarajah
9. Dr Khiritharan A/L Mannie Rajah
10. Dr Muhamad Najmi Bin Rai
11. Dr Rosshini A/P Jagatheswaran
12. Dr Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan
13. Dr Sharmila Yaalni Gunnasandran
14. Dr Siti Farida Bt Masrif
15. Dr Siti Fathin Nabihah Binti Hairudin
16. Dr Sritharan Rao A/L Subbarao
17. Dr Thannimalai Subramaniam Chettiar

KELANTAN

1. Dr Ahmad Firdaus Bin Mohamed
2. Dr Kamal Rudy Ieqraque Bin Mohammad Zain
3. Dr Loke Xi-Mun
4. Dr Long Tuan Mastazamin Bin Long Tuan Kechik
5. Dr Mohamad Hafiz Bin Harun
6. Dr Mohd Rahimie Sayutti
7. Dr Mohd Zulfakar Mazlan
8. Dr Muhammad Bin Che Yaacob
9. Dr Nionella Stephen Sampil
10. Dr Rosnelifaizur Bin Ramely
11. Dr Tuan Zamani Amir Bin Tuan Zakaria
12. Dr Wan Nor Aina Ar Mardiyah Wan Jeffery
13. Dr Zaitun Binti Zakaria

MELAKA

1. Dr Ashok Zachariah Philip
2. Dr Gayathri K.Kumarasuriar
3. Dr Gunasekaran A/L M Ramasamy
4. Dr Jacklyn Ang Si Wei
5. Prof Dr Jayakumar A/L Gurusamy
6. Dr Jayanthi A/P P Poonendarajah
7. Dr Jothinathan A/L Muniandy
8. Dr Koot Chiew Theen
9. Dr Lianne Alychia Hendriks
10. Dr Liew Kok Leong
11. Dr Muhamad Shahriman Bin Muhamad Shari
12. Prof Dato' Dr N.K.S Tharmaseelan
13. Dr Nor Atiqah Binti Morsid
14. Dr Nurshafiqah Binti Rosli
15. Dr Soh Yih Harng
16. Dr Suguna Venkataramulu L G Naidu
17. Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin, PJN

NEGERI SEMBILAN

1. Dr A Prabakaran A/L E Arulanandam
2. Dr Andrew A/L Solamadan
3. Datin Dr Fadzilah Hasan
4. Dr Gunenthira Rao A/L Subbarao
5. Dr Merlinda Shazellenne A/P James Pillai
6. Dr Narvindaran A/L Mariappan
7. Dr Nurul Fazilah Binti Aziz
8. Dr Paul Parimanam Segajanantham

9. Dr Seet Wymen
10. Dr Selva Ganapathi A/L Ganeson
11. Dr Siti Nabila Binti Azahar
12. Dr Siti Rokiah Bt Kamarudin
13. Dr Vanita Sadhasivam
14. Dato' Dr Vijaya Singham Petharunam Pillai

PAHANG

1. Dato' Dr Abdul Razak Bin Abdullah
2. Dr Allah Rakha Dar
3. Datin Dr Gowri A/P Sundaram
4. Dr Lee Chin Yen
5. Dr Nor Azlina A Rahman
6. Dato' Dr Paramanathan A/L Kanthaswamy
7. Dr Sathyanathan A/L Thillai Nathan
8. Dato' Dr Sudesan Raman
9. Dr Thillainathan A/L T Pushpanathan @ T Paspanadan
10. Dr Vijayakumar A/L Sinnathamby

PERAK

1. Dr Alfred Samson Amaloo
2. Dr Ananth Kumar A/L Arunasalam
3. Dr Arvinder Singh A/L Harbaksh Singh
4. Datuk Dr Balaravi Pillai
5. Dr Chong Swee Woon
6. Dr Christabel Esther Terence
7. Dr Chuah Eng Hooi @ Chuah Cheng Hoi
8. Dr Devanandhini Krisnan
9. Dr Jasmeet Kaur A/P Jaspal Singh
10. Dr Ramesh Joshi A/L Suresh Kumar Joshi
11. Dr Elangovan A/L Subbiah, Amn
12. Dr Gayathri A/P Kathitasapathy
13. Dr Gregory A/L Joseph Xavier
14. Dr Harbaksh Singh A/L Mehar Singh
15. Dr Harvinder Singh A/L Dalip Singh, Amp
16. Dr Jeya Prekash Subramaniam
17. Dr John Emmanuel A/L Gilbert Fernandez
18. Dr Karen Christelle
19. Dr Kong Leng Ean Charis
20. Dr Kumar A/L Muthu
21. Dr Looi Kwok Wah
22. Dr Manoharan Kumaran
23. Dr Mathiarasu A/L Yoganathan
24. Dr Meenakshi A/P Adaikappan
25. Dr Mohamed Sidek Bin Ali
26. Dr Mohd Reedza Bin Abdul Salam
27. Dr Mohd Shah Bin Mat Esa
28. Dr Monesh Pillai A/L Gopi
29. Dr Ng Kean Tee
30. Dr Ong Seng Kee
31. Dr Phan Ai Ping
32. Dr Pothanantha Raja Pathmanathan
33. Dr Preemnath A/L Tharmalingam
34. Dr Preetvinder Singh A/L Dheer Singh
35. Dr Premananda Raja A/L Murugesu
36. Dr Puvaneswari Subramaniam
37. Dr Rajenthiren A/L V Sahadevan
38. Dato' Dr Ramanathan A/L Ramiah
39. Datin Dr Ramani Subramaniam
40. Dr Ramneeta Kaur A/P Suarn Singh
41. Datin Dr Ranjit Kaur A/P Praim Singh
42. Dr Ravindran R Naidu
43. Dr Regu A/L S.Maniam
44. Dr Rosalind Simon
45. Dr Sathesh Babu A/L Subramaniam
46. Dato' Dr Sellaiah A/L Sithambaram Pillay
47. Dr Shahrol Khairudzi B Abdul Rahim
48. Dr Sindhiya Devi A/P Anbananthan
49. Dr Siti Maisarah Binti Razali
50. Dr Sivabala Selvaratnam
51. Dr Sorindar Singh A/L Sarjiet S
52. Dr Stephen Jacob A/L Jacob
53. Dato' Dr Suarn Singh A/L Jasmit Singh
54. Dr Subashini A/P Ambigapathy
55. Dr Subramaniam A/L V Palaniandy Pillay
56. Prof Dato' Dr Subramaniam Muniandy
57. Dr Sundrasan A/L Muthoo
58. Dr Suresh A/L Subramaniam
59. Dr Suretheran A/L Kirsnan
60. Dr Surinderjit Singh Gill
61. Dr Tan Chor Kheng
62. Dr Tangaraju A/L Warataraju
63. Dr Thevendran A/L Sadasivam
64. Dr Thines A/L Ramalingam

65. Dr Ting Cheh Sing
66. Dr Ummu Hathiyah Shaik Dawood
67. Dr Vishanthri A/P S Kulasingam
68. Dr Yek Sing Chee
69. Dr Yip Hung Loong @ Elvind Yip

PERLIS

1. Mejar (K) Dato' Dr. Hari Ram A/L Ramayya
2. Dr Vinayakam A/L Perumal

PULAU PINANG

1. Dr Alvin John A/L Gnanasegaran
2. Dr Anil A/L G Krishna Dass
3. Dr Ashwini Panickar A/P Kesava Panickar
4. Dato' Seri Dr Bhupinder Singh Jeswant Singh, DGPN
5. Dr Christopher Anthony
6. Dr Divagar A/L Varatha Raju
7. Dr James Rauo A/L Devadas
8. Dr Jaya Selvi A/P Nagendran
9. Dr Jitendra Kumar A/L S N Tejani
10. Dr Kalpana Sehgal A/P Paras Ram
11. Dr Kavin Raj A/L Pergas
12. Dr Kishen Kumaar A/L Raja
13. Dato' Dr Krishnar Ragupathy, DSPN (EM)
14. Dato Dr Kulwaran Singh A/L Daulat Singh
15. Dr Kumaraguru A/L Marivapen
16. Dr Kyaw Kyaw
17. Dr Nikhil J Tejani
18. Dato' Dr Parmjit Singh A/L Kuldip Singh
19. Dr Peter Sathiyanathan A/L Michael John
20. Dr Prabhu A/L Ramasamy
21. Dr Renuka Gunasagaran
22. Dr Saraswathi Bina Rai S.K Nagalingam
23. Dr Shanty A/P Velaiutham
24. Dr Sumitra Bala A/P Balasundram
25. Dr Sunil Chopra
26. Dr Sushilnathan A/L K. Kathirgamanathan
27. Dr Tan Seow Kee, Francis (JLM)
28. Dr Teoh Wei Tsung
29. Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan

SABAH

1. Dr Baskaran A/L Subramanian
2. Dr Brandon Patrick Senagang
3. Dr C. Vivekananthan A/L Chelliah
4. Dr Deenish Muniandy
5. Dr Deva Das A/L Pathiyil Ramankutty
6. Colonel Dr Eugene Tan Choon Li
7. Dr Francesca Primus Chew
8. Dr Fredie Robinson
9. Dr Harjit Singh A/L Gopal Singh
10. Dr Haslezah Binti Saelih
11. Dr Jason Jimmy Lee Pillay
12. Prof Dr Kew Seih Teck
13. Datuk Dr Lee Han Kyun, Joseph Lee
14. Dr Mervin George P Mathew
15. Dr Mohanaprasanth A/L Balakrishnan
16. Dr Pee Nai Eng
17. Dr Priyadarshi
18. Dr Tan Suok Hoon
19. Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
20. Dr Tioh Beng Siong
21. Dr Vivekanandan A/L T R Rajasekharan
22. Dr Yoong Cai Yeen

SARAWAK

1. Dr Chia Boon Yang
2. Dr Daphenie Chung Tien Nie
3. Dr Jasmine Kho Pei Ying
4. Dr Joshua Taylor Thomas
5. Dato Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira
6. Dr Khoo Chai Soon
7. Dr Kon Ka Hin
8. Dr Lau Bik Liang
9. Dr Lau Fui Yin
10. Dr Liew Shan Fap
11. Dr Mira Philip
12. Dr Moi Zjen Pang
13. Dr Ong Eng- Joe
14. Dr Prashand Kumar A/L Gunnasandran
15. Dr Pravind A/L Narayanan
16. Dr Sathiapriya A/P Padmanathan
17. Mej Dr (B) Slyvester Malina AK Braoh

18. Dr Tan Shong Sheng
19. Dr Yau May Yann

SELANGOR

1. A/Prof Dr Mark Tan Kiak Min
2. Dato' Dr Abdul Hamid Abdul Kadir
3. Dr Amuthameena A/P Manoharan
4. Dr Arulnathan A/L Arokiasamy
5. Dr Ashok Kumar Nadayson
6. Dr Bhupindar Kaur A/P Harbans Singh
7. Dr Chandra Segaran A/L Shanmugam
8. Dr Sukdershan Singh A/L Hazara Singh
9. Dr Edwin Leo Suppiah
10. Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran A/L Nadason@Darzin
11. Dr Gayathri Devi Ramanathan
12. Dr Gnana Kumar Gnanasuntharam
13. Dr Goon Hong Kooi
14. Asst. Prof. Brig Jen (R) Dato' Pahlawan Dr Jegatheesan Singaravelu, KMN, DPTS S
15. Dr Jeremy Rodney Davis
16. Dr June Lau Fei Wen
17. Dr Kaema Priyashini A/P Nadarajan
18. Dr Karthigan Pala Superamaniam
19. Dr Kewaljit Singh A/L Harbajan Singh
20. Dr Krishna Kumaran A/L A.Ramasamy
21. Dr Liew Boon Seng
22. Prof Dr Lim Thiam Aun
23. Dr Mary Suma Cardosa
24. Dr Mohamad Rifaie Bin Mohd Ramli
25. Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim
26. Dr Muhammad Aliff Imran Bin Noor Mohamed
27. Dr Muhammad Gowdh Muhammed Jaffar
28. Dr Muhsin Kamil Bin Sahabudin
29. Dr N Chanthiran A/L Nathan
30. Dr Nur Hidayah Binti Mustapa
31. Dr Ong Chuan Boon
32. Dr Premadeva Satkurunathan
33. Dr Premala Thambirajah
34. Dr Raj Kumar A/L S Maharajah
35. Dr Raja Kumar Menon A/L Bhaskaran
36. Dr Rishi Varmaa A/L Ganasan
37. Dr Seevaretnam A/L Vijayakumar
38. Dr Sivanaesan A/L Letchumanan
39. Dr Sree Kumar A/L Vidyadharan
40. Dr Theyveeka Selvy A/P Rajoo @ Balusamy Radia
41. Dr Thum Chern Choong
42. Dr Vasanthan A/L Vajiravelu
43. Dr Velkanthan Muniandy
44. Dr Zaitul Akma Bt Baharuddin

TERENGGANU

1. Dr Kartik A/L Kaliyana Sundaram
2. Dr Mohd Ilham Bin Ismail
3. Dr Muhammad Naim Bin Samsudin
4. Dr Praveetha A/P Balachanran
5. Dr Sadesvaran A/L Muniandy
6. Dato' Dr Syed Mohammad Salleh Bin Syed Yusof Alzawawi, DPMT

WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN

1. Dr Abdul Razak Mohammed
2. Dr Amirah Izzati
3. Dr Angeli Quah Aun Chyi
4. Dr Arvinth A/L Rajagopal
5. Dr Azizan Binti Abdul Aziz
6. Dr Chay Jia Jiunn
7. Dr Eratha Krishnan A/L Gobinadan
8. Dr Faridah Binti Jaafar
9. Dr George John A/L K Thomas George
10. Kol Dr Gnanamalar A/P Gnanasundram
11. Dr Gokilavani A/P Sekar Chandran
12. Dr Ho Gaik Hong
13. Prof Dr Hoe Chee Wai, Victor
14. Dr Jagdish Kumar A/L G Tulsiram
15. Dr Jasveer Kaur Sidhu
16. Dr Jeevindra Naidu A/L Aplanaidu
17. Dr Jude Selvaraj
18. Dr Koh Kar Chai
19. Dato' Dr Krishnamoorthy Appalanaidu
20. Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal A/L Gyanchand Rampal
21. Dr Lim Peir Kiat

22. Dr Lum Siew Wah, Milton
23. Dr Manohar A/L Bendiah @ Ballu
24. Dr N P Krishnan A/L K V Padmanabha Menon
25. Dr Ng Choon Seong
26. Prof Dr Professor Dr Noorzurani Binti Md Haris Robson
27. Prof Dr Retneswari A/P Masilamani S
28. Dr Rukeswaran A/L Ganasen
29. Dr S. Selvarajah A/L Sathaya
30. Dr Sanjiv Rampal A/L Lekhraj Rampal
31. Dr Sasikumar A/L Balakrishnan
32. Dr Tai Kim Teng
33. Dr Thevi Thanigasalam
34. Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu A/L Rajoo
35. Dr Vasantha A/P Poobalasingam, SIS
36. Datin Dr Vijayaletchumy Ramasamy
37. Dr Wong Ping Foo
38. Datuk Dr Yeoh Poh Hong

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan (Penang), the Honorary General Secretary (HGS) for 2025/2026 confirmed that a quorum was present. Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (WPKL), the President (2025/2026) called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Members stood and observed a minute of silence in memory of:

- Departed MMA members, since the 65th MMA AGM:

NO	NAME	DATE	BRANCH
1.	DR LEE CHOON HOONG	07-12-2023	SABAH
2.	DR CHANDRASEKARAN N P	16-09-2024	SELANGOR
3.	DR. KANYAKUMARI D/O BALAKRISHNAN	24-11-2024	PERAK
4.	DR NG KHOON LEONG	24-12-2024	SELANGOR
5.	DR RAVINDRAN A/L P M MENON	18-07-2025	JOHOR
6.	DATO' DR KIRTHI JEYARAJAH KATHIRGAMARAJAH	17-08-2025	NEGERI SEMBILAN
7.	DR MUHAMMAD SYAUQI BIN MAHAMUD SAYUTI	01-10-2025	SARAWAK
8.	DATO DR. KATTAYAT MOHANDAS A/L C.P NARAYANA	20-10-2025	WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN
9.	DR. PARMINDER SINGH HARNAM SINGH	04-11-2025	PULAU PINANG
10.	DR. AJIT SINGH A/L BALWANT SINGH	10-11-2025	WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN
11.	DATO' DR M ADEL ZAATAR	05-12-2025	PULAU PINANG
12.	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR SABRINA BINTI LUKAS	09-12-2025	SARAWAK
13.	DR JEEVAN JEGA A/L G. JEGATHESAN	09-12-2025	WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN
14.	DR. N. JEGANATHAN A/L AR. A. NACHIAPPAN	10-12-2025	KELANTAN
15.	DR. MOHAN RAJ A/L NAGENDRAM	13-12-2025	SELANGOR
16.	DR MURLI S/O NARAINDAS	11-01-2026	PULAU PINANG
17.	DR KANAPATHY PILLAI S/O A SUPPIAH	14-01-2026	SELANGOR
18.	DR SITI SALEHA BINTI MOHD ISHA	21-01-2026	MELAKA
19.	KAPT DR NEVILLE ANTHONY FERNANDEZ	09-02-2026	SELANGOR
20.	DR SUTHANANTHAN KANTHASWAMY	17-03-2026	MELAKA
21.	DR ARUN KUMAR BAG	25-03-2026	SELANGOR
22.	DATO DR GURDEEP SINGH A/L B. MAHINDER SINGH	28-03-2026	PERAK
23.	DR AJOY CHOUDHURY	07-04-2026	NEGERI SEMBILAN
24.	DR JOSEPH MANUEL	11-04-2026	NEGERI SEMBILAN
25.	DATO' DR GURDEEP PERKASH SINGH	08-05-2026	PERAK
26.	DATO' DR YUSUF SIDDIQ JEGATHESAN	10-05-2026	WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN
27.	DATO' DR MADHURI MAJUMDER	13-05-2026	PERAK
28.	DR SITI NOOR BT ALI SHIBRAMULISI	15-05-2026	PAHANG
29.	DATO' DR YEOW SENG HUAT	06-06-2026	PAHANG
30.	DATO' DR EERAN JAWLLY DASS, DPMP	06-06-2026	PERAK
31.	DR CHAN AH SENG	06-06-2026	PULAU PINANG
32.	TAN SRI DATO' SERI DR AZLANII MAHADEVAN MAHALINGAM	15-06-2026	SELANGOR
33.	BRIG GEN (RTD) PROF DATUK DR N RAJAGOPAL	27-06-2026	MELAKA
34.	MAJ GEN (R) DATO' PAHLAWAN DR MOHANADAS RAMASAMY	27-07-2026	WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN
35.	DR QUAH CHENG HOCK	31-07-2026	PAHANG
36.	ASSOC. PROF. DR. CHANDRAN A/L RAJAGOPAL	03-08-2026	PERAK
37.	DR MURALIDHARAN SIVADAS	03-08-2026	JOHOR
38.	DR K.SKANTHADEVAN A/L N.KANDASAMY	08-08-2026	SELANGOR
39.	DR NARANJAN SINGH A/L CHANAN S	27-08-2026	SELANGOR
40.	DATUK DR RONALD STEPHEN MCCOY	01-09-2026	SELANGOR

- The House also paid tribute to the five healthcare heroes who lost their lives in the Flying Doctor Service helicopter crash near Long Lellang, Sarawak, while carrying out their duties in service of remote communities. The House recorded its deepest condolences and honoured the memory of Dr. Ainul Baraah Kamaruddin (Medical Officer), Alexson Adit Henry (Assistant Medical Officer), Debra Moset (Staff Nurse), Jessie Paya Jok (Staff Nurse) and Capt. Zainol Afiq Bee Sham (Pilot).

- The President reiterated MMA's stance that safety remains paramount for all healthcare personnel and associated professionals.

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS

1.1 The President (2025/2026), Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo, welcomed Past Presidents, Council members, Branch representatives, Representatives of SCHOMOS and PPS, colleagues, and all MMA Members to the 66th MMA Annual General Meeting.

1.2 The President (2025/2026) reflected on the three commitments made upon assuming office one year earlier:

- To empower doctors as leaders;
- To advocate for fair policies; and
- To reclaim professional autonomy.

He emphasized that rather than delivering a ceremonial speech, he wished to present an accountability report on achievements, progress made, and issues requiring continued advocacy.

1.3 Key Achievements During the 2025/2026 Term

The President (2025/2026) reported the following major achievements:

a. General Practitioner Consultation Fees

The longstanding issue of GP consultation fees, which had been under discussion since 2015, had reached a degree of closure. Although the outcome was not entirely in line with MMA's original expectations, progress had been achieved through the collective efforts of successive presidents and Councils.

b. Private Specialist Grievance Mechanism

- The grievance mechanism for private specialists, initially mooted in 2017, had been formalised through the establishment of the Healthcare Partners Protocol and Solutions Committee (HPPSC).

- The Committee involves MMA, Bank Negara Malaysia, the Life Insurance Association of Malaysia (LIAM), the General Insurance Association of Malaysia (PIAM), the Association of Private Hospitals Malaysia (APHM), and the Ministry of Health. The Committee is co-chaired by MMA's HGS and LIAM.

c. Medicine Price Display

MMA successfully obtained a High Court stay on enforcement of the medicine price display requirement while continuing engagement on the matter.

d. Professional Autonomy and Practice of Medicine

- MMA continued advocating for professional autonomy in medical practice.

- The President noted firm support from the new Director-General of Health regarding professional medical practice.

- The Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) had also issued reminders concerning:
  (a) Fee splitting; and
  (b) Issuance of medical certificates during online consultations.

e. Institutional Modernisation

- The MMA House renovation had been completed and the building reopened. A detailed presentation and report on the renovation were to be provided to members.

- The MMA mobile application had also been enhanced, with the nomination process fully digitised and paper-based nominations discontinued.

f. Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health

The President acknowledged Dr June Law, Chair of the MMA AI and Digital Health in Healthcare Committee, for successfully organising the inaugural MMA International AI in Healthcare Conference.

g. Contract Doctors

Although the Government had announced that the contract doctor system would be abolished completely by 2028, MMA continued to advocate for the matter to be addressed in the 2027 Budget announcement.

h. MMA–MMC Integration

Approval had been obtained from the MMC to integrate professional indemnity insurance verification into the relevant process. Full implementation was pending completion of Merits 2.0, expected in 2027.

1.4 Advocacy Strategy

- The President (2025/2026) explained that MMA's advocacy strategy during the year had been deliberate and focused, particularly on the public healthcare sector. The principal target agencies were:
  (a) Ministry of Health (MOH);
  (b) Public Service Department (JPA); and
  (c) Ministry of Finance (MOF).

- The strategy was to maintain pressure on the relevant agencies, broaden public awareness, and ensure that healthcare issues remain consistently in the national conversation.

1.5 Budget Advocacy

- For the first time, MMA submitted a formal budget appeal and engaged with:
  (a) The Parliamentary Select Committee on Health;
  (b) The Minister of Finance and relevant representatives; and
  (c) Individual Members of Parliament.

- More than 220 individual letters and emails were sent to Members of Parliament outlining MMA's requests and emphasising that healthcare was a shared national responsibility rather than a government-versus-opposition issue.

1.6 Media Engagement

- The President (2025/2026) reported that MMA's positions had been featured in the media more than 300 times during the year.

- MMA had also secured prominent coverage and front-page exposure in publications including Berita Harian and Utusan Malaysia on major healthcare issues.

- He emphasised that media visibility was intended not merely for publicity, but to maintain pressure and encourage actual policy movement.

1.7 Appreciation and Continuity

- The President (2025/2026) emphasised that leadership was a relay: leaders receive, improve, and pass forward the work of the Association. He thanked everyone for their important role in advancing the agenda of the Association:
  (a) MMA Executive Committee Members;
  (b) MMA Council members;
  (c) MMA Past Presidents;
  (d) MMA Branches;
  (e) MMA Sections; SCHOMOS & PPS
  (f) MMA Societies and Committees

- He also expressed his sincere appreciation to the MMA Secretariat Staff Members for their dedication and support throughout his tenure. He acknowledged the significant demands placed on the Secretariat Staff during his five years of service as Honorary General Secretary and one year as President, noting that the Secretariat Staff has consistently worked under tight timelines and high expectations. He apologised for any pressure, stress or inconvenience caused while carrying out his responsibilities and thanked the Secretariat for their commitment, professionalism and unwavering support to the Association. Members recorded their appreciation with a round of applause.

- He urged the incoming leadership to build upon achievements, improve areas requiring attention, complete unfinished work, and continue moving MMA forward.

1.8 MMA House Renovation Project

- The President (2025/2026) briefed members on the history and progress of the MMA House renovation project.

- He noted that the proposal was first raised at the 2019 AGM and had been rejected twice before subsequently receiving approval and an increased budget.

- Special appreciation was recorded to:
  (a) **Dato' Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira** (Immediate Past President 2025/2026), who contributed significantly through the MMA Building Committee and tender process, including savings of approximately RM300,000 through negotiations; and
  (b) **Dr Koh Kar Chai**, who had been involved in the project since its inception in 2019 and served as Project Manager for the MMA Building Renovation project.

- The President (2025/2026) also acknowledged all those involved in the renovation project especially the MMA Building Committee members for their continued work and commitment in attending regular onsite meetings.

- MMA House Historical Video Presentation - A commemorative video on the history of MMA House was presented, highlighting:
  (a) Initial vision for a permanent MMA headquarters in 1961;
  (b) Establishment of the MMA House Committee in 1966;
  (c) Acquisition of land in Kuala Lumpur;
  (d) Temporary headquarters at a Jalan Ipoh shophouse during 1969–1970;
  (e) Construction beginning in 1970;
  (f) Laying of the foundation stone on 5 March 1972 by the late Tun Dr Ismail Abdul Rahman; and
  (g) Official opening of MMA House on 6 April 1973; and
  (h) Approval by members in 2020 and 2021 for renovation and renewal of the building.

  The renovation was described as a renewal of an important historic landmark for future generations.

1.9 Remarks by the Dato' Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak), Immediate Past President (IPP 2025/2026)

- The IPP (2025/2026) thanked the President, Executive Committee, Council, and members for their support of the renovation project.

- He stated that the project had involved substantial work and responsibility, and that the team had made every effort to complete it within the approved budget and plans.

- He acknowledged that there might be shortcomings but expressed confidence that the renovation had achieved its primary objective of making MMA House an iconic landmark in Kuala Lumpur.

- He thanked past committees and members who had approved the project and expressed satisfaction that the project had been completed during the term.

1.10 Official Opening and Commercialisation Plans for MMA Building

- The President (2025/2026) informed members that the inauguration of the renovated MMA House was held on 7 August 2026 and was attended by the Minister of Health and Tan Sri Dato' Dr Abu Bakar, whose late uncle had laid the foundation stone (batu asas) of the building.

- He stated that videos and relevant documentation relating to the renovation and inauguration would be circulated to all members. He encouraged members to visit the renovated MMA House, emphasising that the building belonged to all MMA Members.

- He further informed members that the Association was exploring opportunities to commercialise available spaces within the building, particularly the first floor. Discussions had already been held with the Director of Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL), Professor Dato' Dr Hari Krishnan, and MMA intended to work closely with HKL in this regard.

- In addition, four renovated rooms on the fifth floor were being considered for rental to doctors and colleagues requiring accommodation while attending examinations or other professional commitments in Kuala Lumpur.

- The President (2025/2026) noted that further details on the financial aspects of the building renovation and its commercialisation would be presented by the Honorary General Treasurer.

For your information.

2. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.1 The minutes of the 65th MMA Annual General Meeting (2025/2026), held on 12th and 13th September 2025, were duly received and adopted by the House.

Proposer: Dr. Prabhu A/L Ramasamy (Penang)
Seconder: Dr Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan (Kedah)

2.2 Honorary General Secretary (HGS) 2025/2026 read Clause 7 (1)(v) of the MMA Constitution, which states:

"Any member who wishes to raise any issues, queries, or comments about the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Annual Report, Accounts, or any other matters listed and not listed in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting, will need to submit his queries in writing to the Honorary General Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting. Any issues, queries, or

comments not submitted to the Honorary General Secretary in writing as specified above will not be allowed during the Annual General Meeting".

It was confirmed that, as of the submission deadline, no written notices of issues pertaining to the minutes had been received by the HGS (2025/2026).

For information.

3. TO CONFIRM THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS, I.E., PRESIDENT ELECT AND ONE HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARY. THE POSTS OF HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY, HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER, AND ONE HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARY WERE UNCONTESTED

3.1 Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor) on behalf of the Chairman of the Elections Committee, announced the results of the elections held on 29 August 2026.

The Chairman of the Elections Committee, Datuk Dr Athimulam (Melaka), sent his apologies for being unable to attend.

The following office bearers were announced:

Position	Elected Office Bearer
President-Elect	Dr. S. Selvarajah A/L Sathaya
Honorary General Secretary	Dr. Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan
Honorary General Treasurer	Dr. Arvindran A/L Alaga
Honorary Deputy Secretary	Dato' Dr Parmjit Singh A/L Kuldip Singh
Honorary Deputy Secretary	Dr. Sivabala A/L Selvaratnam
SCHOMOS Chairman	Dr. Thum Chern Choong
PPS Chairman	Dr. Eratha Krishnan A/L Gobinathan

Dr. Mohamed Namazie further reported:

- Approximately 2,020 members participated in the election.
- Participation had improved following the extension of voting rights to all eligible members.
- Further efforts would be made to increase voter turnout.

The President (2025/2026) noted that, despite an improvement in participation following the opening of national elections to all eligible members and the extension of voting hours from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., participation remained approximately 14%–15% of the more than 14,000 eligible members. He expressed hope that future elections will achieve at least 30% participation.

All the above individuals were confirmed in their respective positions for the term 2026/2027.

For your information.

4. TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE YEAR PRECEDING

4.1 The Honorary General Secretary (HGS) 2025/2026, Dr. Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan (Penang) presented a summary of the Association's activities for the reporting year. The full report had been circulated to members.

Five key themes defined the 2025/2026 term:

- Membership;
- Governance;
- Digital Transformation;
- Advocacy and Engagement; and
- House Management

(1) Membership

- Membership highlights included:

(a) 17,690 members;
(b) 768 student members; and
(c) 5.1% growth in life membership.

- Membership by employment category was reported as follows:

General Practitioners 41.32%, Private Specialists 19.66%, Government Doctors 33.15%, Universities 4.31%, Armed Forces 0.63%, Retired Members 0.93%

- Future membership priorities included:

(a) Converting student engagement into lifelong membership;
(b) Reducing membership lapses following graduation; and
(c) Improving the accuracy of employment information.

- Members were reminded to update their profiles through the MMA mobile application, particularly when changing email addresses, contact numbers, or moving between SCHOMOS and PPS.

- Changes of state were required to be submitted officially to the HGS Office for backend updating.

(2) Governance

During the reporting year:

- Four Council meetings were held;
- Four Executive Committee meetings were held; and

- Hybrid participation was maintained.

(3) Digital Transformation

Key developments included:

- Implementation of the electronic nomination system;
- Digital attendance and travel claims; and
- Enhancements to the MMA mobile application.

(4) Advocacy and Engagement

MMA continued to advocate on matters relating to:

- Doctors' welfare; Workplace safety; Bullying and burnout; On-call allowances; Workforce planning; Recruitment and retention; Specialist pathways; Career progression; Healthcare reform; Public healthcare sustainability; Private healthcare sustainability; Clinical autonomy; TPA/MCO issues; Mental health; Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) prevention; and Tobacco and vape control.
- MMA also contributed to discussions on the Health White Paper and the 2026 Budget.
- Between September 2025 and June 2026, MMA received and addressed approximately 518 enquiries from members and the public on healthcare-related matters.

(5) Government and Strategic Stakeholder Engagement

MMA held engagements with various government and strategic stakeholders on:

- RESET initiatives and related healthcare products; Workforce and career pathways; Allowances; The proposed 45-hour working week; Digital integration of professional indemnity insurance verification with the MMC; Digital health interoperability and secure health-data exchange; TPA/MCO issues; Professional autonomy; Ethics and transparent healthcare practices; and Private specialist and medicolegal matters.

- MMA also held two separate meetings with 28 specialist organisations on professional and medicolegal issues, chaired by the President.

(6) International Representation

MMA was represented at international and regional organisations and meetings, including:

- World Medical Association (WMA);
- Commonwealth Medical Association (CMA);
- MASEAN;
- American Medical Association (AMA);
- British Medical Association (BMA); and
- Other relevant international platforms.

(7) Branches and Constitutional Reform

During the reporting year:

- 14 Branch AGMs were completed;
- 24 constitutional amendments were tabled at the 65th AGM;
- Eight constitutional amendments were adopted; and

- Two ordinary resolutions were tabled and unanimously adopted.

Key amendments adopted included:

- Reduction of overseas membership fees from RM500 to RM250;
- Revision of student membership fees to a one-off RM20 payment, valid throughout student years until one year after graduation or appointment as a House Officer;
- Extension of the deadline for notification of branch membership status from 28 February to 31 May; and
- Improved financial management provisions for branches.

(8) Governance Resolutions

The HGS (2025/2026) highlighted two major governance initiatives:

a. Digital Nomination System

The system had been successfully developed and implemented and was in its first year of operational use.

b. Professional Public Relations Agency

Several agencies had submitted proposals. Council was still reviewing the submissions, and no appointment had been made at the time of the meeting.

(9) House Management

The renovated MMA headquarters had officially opened.

Updates included:

- Secretariat operations resumed on the fourth floor;
- Ground-floor tenants returned;
- The Certificate of Practical Completion (CPC) was issued with conditions; and
- Defects were being managed during the Defects Liability Period.

(10) Secretariat Development

- 19 Secretariat staff participated in a team-building programme in Ho Chi Minh City.
- The programme focused on: Teamwork; Coordination; Communication; and Adaptability.
- The HGS acknowledged the resilience, professionalism, and dedication of the Secretariat staff throughout the year.

(11) Outlook

The Association's priorities moving forward were identified as:

- Stronger governance;
- Smarter operations; and
- A stronger voice for doctors.

The HGS (2025/2026) thanked all MMA Members, volunteers, Council, the Executive Committee, Branches, Committees, Sections, Societies, and Secretariat staff for their collective contributions.

4.2 The MMA Annual Report for 2025/2026 was unanimously received and adopted by the House.

Proposer: Dr. Suretheran A/L Kirsnan (Perak)
Seconder: Dr. Suresh A/L Subramaniam (Perak)

For your information.

5. TO ADOPT THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR TOGETHER WITH REPORTS OF THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS AND THE BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

5.1 The Honorary General Treasurer (HGT) for the 2025/2026 term, **Dr Arvindran A/L Alaga**, presented the audited Statement of Accounts and Financial Statements of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) for the financial year ended **31 December 2025**.

5.1.1 The HGT (2025/2026) informed the House that the financial statements had been audited by the Honorary Auditors and the External Auditors and had been approved by the 66th MMA Council. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Finance Team for their diligence, dedication and professionalism throughout the year, and to the Executive Committee (EXCO) and Council members for their continued support and cooperation.

5.1.2 The HGT (2025/2026) also highlighted various initiatives undertaken during the 2025/2026 term to enhance member engagement and support branch operations, including:

(1) Performance-based incentives and awards for top-performing Branches;

(2) Special funding allocations for:

- Medicolegal Awareness Events;
- 1st International AI in Healthcare Conference;
- National Seminar for Authors of Medical Journals;
- Men's Health Seminar;
- Radiation Protection Officer Course;
- Jelajah SCHOMOS 2026; and
- Welcome on Board Programme; and

(3) Training and Development programmes, including:

- leadership training for Council members;
- team-building programmes for SCHOMOS and PPS;

- staff training sessions;
- e-invoicing training to ensure a smooth rollout;
- briefing sessions for branches on financial guidelines; and
- SST training for branches.

5.2 The HGT (2025/2026) presented an overview of the financial performance and key financial matters for 2025, including income and expenditure, fixed deposits, international travel expenditure, investments, bereavement payments and expenditure relating to the renovation of MMA House.

5.2.1 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2025	2024	%
	Jan- Dec	Jan - Dec	
INCOME	10,083,777	9,781,824	3.09%
EXPENSES	(7,221,475)	(6,895,270)	4.73%
NET PROFIT	2,862,302	2,886,554	(0.84%)
TAXATION	(1,215,708)	(888,297)	36.86%
NET PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	1,646,594	1,998,257	(17.60%)

5.2.2 SIGNIFICANT VARIANCE IN MMA INCOME

INCOME	2025	2024	Variance
Commission from Marsh	**3,882,988**	3,233,257	Increase by 20%
Continuous Professional Development	**1,288,900**	1,066,275	Increase by 21%
Berita Advertisement income (profit sharing)	**13,852**	34,051	Reduce by 59%
MJM	**235,289**	383,332	Reduce by 39%
Rental income	**589,433**	1,005,845	Reduce by 41%
International Conference on Integrative & Complementary Medicine	**165,220**	48,730	Increase by 239%
Other income	**119,557**	63,762	Increase by 88%

5.2.3 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MMA EXPENDITURE

EXPENSES	2025	2024	Variance
International Conference Expenses	**231,153**	159,068	Increase by 45%
Bereavement payments	**120,000**	157,000	Reduce by 24%
Sub-Committee Meeting/Event Expenses	**169,943**	96,403	Increase by 76%
Council and Exco expenses	**415,456**	368,678	Increase by 13%
SCHOMOS	**203,016**	251,942	Reduce by 19%
PPS	**163,092**	116,657	Increase by 40%
Masean Conference (Host)	-	122,982	Reduce by 100%
Professional fees	**107,670**	60,720	Increase by 77%
MMA Congress	**425,053**	364,649	Increase by 17%
IT support services	**252,341**	211,461	Increase by 19%

5.2.4 MMA'S FIXED DEPOSIT POSITION

	YEAR 2025	YEAR 2024
Malaysian Medical Association	**11,853,469**	**9,610,124**
MMA Special Savings (Life Investment Fund)	**23,128,609**	**22,506,750**
MMA Emergency Reserve Fund	**7,677,757**	**7,512,164**
MMA Society of Occupational & Environmental Medicine	**1,076,240**	**1,048,988**
Total	**43,736,075**	**40,678,026**

5.2.5 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BUDGET FOR THE TERM 2025/2026

	RM	Remarks
Total budget for International travel budget	250,000	
Allocated budget	(40,559) (4,509) (6,045) (63,134) (13,152) (18,019) (20,184) (25,985) (2,146) (49,002)	1) WMA Assembly (2 Exco) 2) CMA (1 Exco) 3) Hong Kong Medical Association (1 Exco) 4) MASEAN (8 Exco) + MASEAN Chairman 5) German Medical Assembly (1 Exco) 6) American Medical Association (1 Exco) 7) British Medical Association (1 Exco) 8) WMA Council (2 Exco) 9) SMA Annual Dinner 2026 (1 Exco) 10) CMAAO (4 Exco)
Balance budget available	**7,265**	

The HGT (2025/2026) informed the House that all international travel expenditure had remained within the approved budget. He further informed the House that he had not utilised the international

travel allocation for his own trips during the term and did not intend to utilise it for his future trips, as the allocation was required for other planned international travel.

5.2.6 BRADBURY INVESTMENT FUND

The HGT (2025/2026) presented an update on the Bradbury Capital Protected Fund. The investment was capital-protected, with a three-year investment tenure and a fixed return of 8%.

The investment value stood at RM252,280.00, with returns received on a six-monthly basis.

Received Date:	21.07.2022
Remitting Party Name:	Malaysian Medical Association
Remitting Bank:	Bank of New York Mellon – NA - NY
Remitted Amount:	USD 55,987.00
Remitting Bank Charge(s):	USD 0.00
Receiving Bank Charge(s):	USD 8.26
Net Amount Received:	**USD 55,978.74**
Remarks	For Subscription Bradbury Capital Protected Fund VIII

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Investment Terms

SUMMARY OF TERMS	
Description	
Fund Name :	**Bradbury Capital Protected Fund VIII**
Fund Type :	Exempted Company incorporate in Cayman Islands
Investment Strategy :	Diversified fixed income with stabilizing yield under a conservative investment model
Total Book Size :	**USD 100,000,000**
Investment Tenure :	3 Years
Minimum Investment :	USD 100,000
Share Classes :	Class A
Dividend :	**Total = 30%** **1st Year : +6.00% Per Annum (Fixed)** **2nd Year : +6.00% Per Annum (Fixed)** **3rd Year : +18.00% Per Annum (Fixed)**
Dividend :	*Extension Period : +10.00% Per Annum (Fixed)*
Dividend Security :	**100% Dividend Undertake by Fund Manager**
Dividend Payout Rate / Mode :	Semi Annually / Cash or Units (reinvest)

SUMMARY OF TERMS	
Description	
Principal Security :	**100% Capital Protected at Maturity**
Collateral Pledged :	**Bank Guarantee by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank (New York) with 1:1 Ratio**
Subscription Fee :	0.00%
Annual Management Fee :	1.00% p.a.
Early Redemption Fee :	40% (Holding Period < 1 Year) 35% (1 Year < Holding Period < 2 Years) 30% (2 Years < Holding Period < 3 Years) *30% (Extension Period)*
Extension Option :	12 months + 12 months
Initial Offering Date :	**29 June 2022**
Dateline for Orders : (Softcopy of Docs)	**15 July 2022**
Dateline for Submission : (Original Docs & Remittance)	**20 July 2022**
Initial Closing Date :	**22 July 2022**

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5.2.7 CIRCULAR FROM BRADBURY

BRADBURY CAPITAL PROTECTED FUND VIII
(an exempted company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of the Cayman Islands with registration number HS-391352)

CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS

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Directors

Loo See Yuen (Keith)
Swee Ley Tiong (Alex)

19 August 2026

The purpose of this circular is to give you notice that pursuant to the provisions of the private placement memorandum (the ***PPM***) of Bradbury Capital Protected Fund VIII (the ***Fund***), following the end of the initial term of the Fund on 19 August 2025 and its extension by one year until 19 August 2026, the directors have resolved to extend the term of the Fund for a further period of one year so that the term will now end on 19 August 2027 (the ***Second Extension***).

The Second Extension is permitted as the provisions of the PPM give the directors sole discretion to extend the term beyond its initial three year period for two further consecutive one year periods.

If you have any questions regarding the Second Extension please email investor.services@bradburyam.com.

Board of directors

5.2.8 BRADBURY INVESTMENT FUND DIVIDEND PAYOUT (RM 91,294.82)

Semi-Annual Dividend	Payment date	USD	RM
Aug – Dec 2022	6/3/2023	USD 1,215.12	RM 5,346.53
Jan–June 2023	19/7/2023	USD 1,666.19	RM 7,456.20
July–Dec. 2023	19/1/2024	USD 1,693.81	RM 7,857.58
Jan–June 2024	23/7/2024	USD 1,652.46	RM 7,609.58
July – Dec 2024	23rd January 2025	USD 4,137.78	RM 17,875.21
Jan – June 2025	22nd July 2025	USD 4,998.58	RM 20,749.11
July – Dec 2025	2nd March 2026	USD 3,461.26	RM 13,284.32
Jan – June 2026	3rd August 2026	USD 2,776.99	RM 11,116.29

5.2.9 BEREAVEMENT PAYMENT

	2025 (from Jan – Dec 2025)		2024 (from Jan – Dec 2024)	
	No of Members	RM	No of Members	RM
Life Members@ RM 5,000/10,000	1 10	5,000 100,000	1 12	5,000 120,000
Ordinary Members@ RM 2,000/5,000	- 3	- 15,000	1 6	2,000 30,000
Total	**14**	**120,000**	**20**	**157,000**

63rd Annual General Meeting of MMA resolve that →

Life Member - a sum of **RM10,000.00** shall be paid to the deceased's family.

Ordinary Member – a sum of **RM5,000.00** shall be paid to the deceased's family.

5.2.10 RENOVATION OF MMA BUILDING

Total budget approved in the AGM	**RM 12,500,000**	
	Gross Fees	**SST**
	RM	**RM**
Total payment to the Architect	800,000	64,000
Total payment to the Contractor (Including variation order and additional work)	8,765,260	525,916
Total	**9,565,260**	**589,916**

5.3 MANAGEMENT LETTER 2025

The HGT (2025/2026) presented the Management Letter for 2025 issued by A. Razak & Co. PLT.

The principal matter highlighted was:

(1) The utilisation of the Cloud Accounting System

- The auditor observed that the cloud accounting system adopted by MMA Headquarters had contributed positively to the preparation and finalisation of the audit by improving the accessibility, organisation and timeliness of financial information.
- However, it was noted that several MMA branches had not fully adopted the cloud accounting system and continued to maintain separate accounting records. This could result

in inconsistencies in accounting practices, delays in the preparation of financial information and increased administrative work during the audit process.

- The auditor recommended that all MMA branches fully implement and utilise the cloud accounting system to promote greater consistency, efficiency and accuracy in financial reporting. A standardised accounting system across all branches would also facilitate consolidation of financial information, strengthen internal controls and improve the efficiency of future audits and tax computations.

- **The Report and Financial Statement 2025 was duly received and adopted by the House.**

  Proposer: Prof. Dr. Jayakumar A/L Gurusamy (Melaka)
  Seconder: Dr Ravindran R Naidu (Perak)

Matters Arising

(a) Dr Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak) congratulated the HGT (2025/2026) on the Association's healthy financial position. He raised a concern regarding the tax treatment of the Association's expenses, noting that approximately 30% of the Association's expenses were understood to be treated as non-allowable expenses for tax purposes. He referred to the tax paid by the Association, amounting to approximately RM1,215,708, and suggested that the Association seek further advice from its tax advisers on whether any of these expenses could qualify as allowable deductions, taking into consideration the Association's status as a trade association.

(b) The HGT (2025/2026) explained that a significant portion of the tax liability arose from commission income, including income from the professional indemnity insurance arrangement, where the associated expenses were lower than the income received. The HGS (2025/2026) further explained that the deductibility of expenses was subject to the applicable tax rules and limitations for the respective categories of expenditure.

(c) The President (2025/2026) thanked Dr Liew Shan Fap for the suggestion and encouraged members to continue providing constructive input on the Association's financial management. He expressed the view that, where possible, MMA's funds should be utilised for the benefit of members rather than being paid as taxation. He nevertheless emphasised that the Association was required to comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (LHDN).

(d) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) thanked the HGT (2025/2026) for the financial support and allocations provided for Jelajah SCHOMOS activities at State level and expressed his appreciation for the continued support.

(e) Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran A/L Nadason@Darzin (Selangor) enquired about the arrangements governing the relationship between the State Branches and MMA Headquarters, as well as the status of the CSR Fund.

(f) The HGT (2025/2026) informed the House that the relevant agreement was in order and that the Power of Attorney between MMA Headquarters and the State Branches had been duly executed. The HGT further informed the House that the CSR Fund was being utilised for flood relief efforts and other corporate social responsibility activities.

5.4 REPORT ON THE HONORARY AUDITORS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

The Honorary Auditors, Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor) and Dr Mary Suma Cardosa (Selangor), had conducted the internal audit of MMA's financial statements for 2025. Dr Mary Suma Cardosa presented the Honorary Auditors' report to the House.

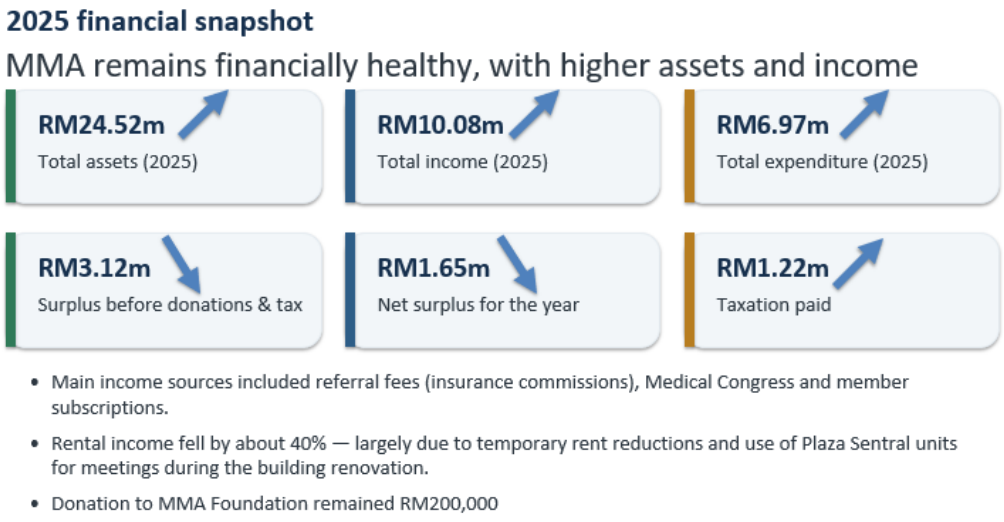
The report covered the following areas:

Audit Scope and Governance

- Financial statements for MMA for the year ended 31 December 2025 were audited.
- The report is intended to be read together with the external auditors' opinions.
- 2024 internal-audit recommendations were reviewed — all recommendations have been implemented.
- Queries and comments raised with HGT and Finance staff were addressed.
- This review reflects strengthened access to relevant financial documents and guidelines.

Documents Reviewed

1. Draft MMA Reports and Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2025
2. MMA's Financial Guidelines (Revised on September 2025)
3. Annual Grant for MMA Branches for the Term 2025/2026
4. KPI for the Council and State Activities
5. Financial Guidelines for Indemnity Funds for the States
6. Incentive for Social Media Utilisation
7. SOP on Audit and Tax submission for the year 2025
8. MMA Properties Administration Cost
9. SOP on E-Invoicing for MMA HQ and the 14 Branches
10. Guidelines for Annual Budget Utilisation
11. Mechanism of Webinar Profit Sharing
12. SCHOMOS NWC 1 - Treasurer 2025-2026 (slides)
13. PPSMMA Treasurer Slide 2025
14. PPS Grant Proposal Template
15. Financial Guidelines for International Travel
16. Budget 2025 and Variance Analysis



Income and Expenditure

The Honorary Auditors reported that MMA's income continued to show positive growth, although expenditure had also increased.

- Main income sources included referral fees (insurance commissions), Medical Congress and member subscriptions.
- Rental income fell to RM589,433 from RM1,005,845 in 2024 — largely due to temporary rent reductions and use of Plaza Sentral units for meetings during the building renovation.
- Total expenditure rose to RM6,967,975 from RM6,625,270 in 2024.
- Surplus before donations and taxation eased to RM3,115,802 from RM3,156,554.
- Net surplus reduced to RM1,646,594 from RM1,998,257.
- Donation to MMA Foundation remained RM200,000.

Properties and Reserves

- Plaza Sentral: one unit rented; two units used for MMA Council and other meetings during the MMA Building renovation.
- State properties in Kedah, Perak, Selangor, WP, Melaka, Johor and Sarawak:
    - These are technically owned by MMA and managed by the respective branches:
    - All properties except for WP and Kedah were acquired using MMA grants total RM3,567,369; properties acquired with MMA grants are charged an annual fee.
    - Branch property fees generated RM7,800 income in 2025
    - General Reserves of RM24,299 have remained unused for more than 10 years.
    - Recommendation: deploy the General Reserves for future ASH (Action on Smoking and Health Committee).
    - Activities rather than leaving funds idle in a current account.

Correction to Property Listing

- Dr Thillainathan A/L T Pushpanathan @ T Paspanadan (Pahang) pointed out that MMA Pahang had its own property and that Pahang had been omitted from the list presented in the report.

- Dr Mary Suma Cardosa apologised for the oversight.

Major Expenditure Areas

- The Honorary Auditors reported that international travel expenditure had increased from RM159,068 in 2024 to RM231,153 in 2025, but remained within the budget approved by the Council/AGM.

- Building renovation is the major upcoming commitment



- Trips were individually capped, and participation in international engagements extended beyond the President to include the President-Elect, HGS and other EXCO members.

- Such engagements included meetings with regional and international medical associations, as well as meetings with the MPS and Marsh Pte Ltd in the United Kingdom.

- Expenditure on the renovation of MMA House amounted to RM1,295,446 in 2025, with major works expected to require expenditure of up to approximately RM8 million during 2026–2027.

Positive Observations

- CPD income continues to perform well, with a share of generated income continuing to flow to branches.
- Increased member and branch benefits introduced in 2024 continued in 2025.
- Leadership, team-building and staff training activities continued.
- Council members receive financial guidelines and SOPs at the first Council meeting and retain access through the Council portal.
- Overall: MMA has maintained a net surplus in recent years and is managing its funds responsibly.

Key Recommendations

Focus on stronger financial governance and clearer approval of exceptional spending

- **Investments**
  - Expand the existing Investment Committee into a Finance Management Committee, which will support the Treasurer on investments, annual budget preparation and requests to repurpose approved budgets.
  - Terms of Reference for the Finance Management Committee have been recommended
- **Guidelines**
  - **Overseas travel**
    - Update overseas travel guidelines to list regular priority meetings (e.g. MASEAN, CMAAO, WMA and sister NMAs in Southeast Asia).
    - Require Council approval for invitations outside the regular list, with benefits assessed case-by-case.
    - Ad-hoc overseas attendance should not automatically establish a precedent for recurring future events.
  - **Industry sponsored conference funding for doctors**
    - We have reviewed the proposed guidelines and provided feedback for Council's consideration

Conclusion

- The Honorary Auditors congratulated the HGT, EXCO and Council for the responsible management of MMA's funds and noted that the Association had maintained a net surplus of income over expenditure in recent years. They expressed the hope that this positive trend would continue.

- The report of the Honorary Auditors was adopted by the House. Dr Mary Suma Cardosa also commended the HGT and the Finance Team for their work.

- The President thanked the HGT and Finance Team for their dedication and assistance in managing the Association's financial affairs.

Matter Arising – General Fund and ASH Committee

(a) Datuk Dr Yeoh Poh Hong (WPKL), Past President, provided historical background on the General Fund associated with the Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Committee. He recalled that approximately 40 years earlier, during his tenure, smoking was a significant public health concern and the ASH Committee, then chaired by Dr Teoh Sui Kee from Ipoh, had undertaken various anti-smoking initiatives, including advocacy relating to tobacco taxation and health warning labels on cigarette packaging. He explained that the General Fund was intended to support educational activities for schoolchildren on the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

(b) Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal (WPKL) shared that he had served as Secretary of the ASH Committee under Dr Teoh Sui Kee and recalled that the first National No Smoking Day was organised in 1989, followed by approximately 20 national-level events. He noted that MMA

had continued to support such initiatives with the support of successive Presidents and the Ministry of Health. He further informed the House that Dr Muralitharan (MCTC) was currently leading the initiative and remained actively involved.

(c) Prof Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai (WPKL) added that Dr Muralitharan, Chairman of MCTC, was currently leading the initiative and suggested that the General Fund be utilised to support these activities.

(d) The President (2025/2026) thanked the Past Presidents who had contributed to MMA since the 1980s and highlighted their contributions to the younger generation of doctors. He also expressed appreciation to Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal for his continued dedication to the Association.

5.5 BUDGET FOR THE TERM 2026/2027

The HGT (2025/2026) presented the proposed budget for the 2026/2027 term. The HGT informed the House that a summary of the proposed budget had been circulated to members. He further informed members that the detailed 71-page budget breakdown would be made available by email upon request.

	Budget 2026/2027	Budget (A)	Audited (B)	Variance (A -B)
		2025	2025	
	RM	RM	RM	RM
INCOME				
COMMISSION AND REBATES	5,573,592	5,084,138	5,023,402	60,736
FIXED DEPOSIT INTEREST	184,803	270,228	263,455	6,773
RENTAL INCOME	588,818	627,762	589,433	38,329
SUBSCRIPTION	1,265,000	1,398,361	1,274,550	123,811
SEMINAR & CONFERENCES	893,550	1,414,950	1,358,972	55,978
PUBLICATION (Berita)	310,000	265,000	254,174	10,826
PUBLICATION (MJM)	251,860	248,000	235,289	12,711
CONTINOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	1,417,790	1,172,903	1,288,900	(115,997)
OTHER INCOME	500,287	135,900	482,559	(346,659)
	10,985,700	**10,617,242**	**10,770,734**	**(153,492)**
EXPENDITURE				
AGM EXPENSES	232,025	211,230	210,932	298
COUNCIL EXPENSES				
COUNCIL & EXCO MEETING EXP	303,461	270,449	266,783	3,666
BEREAVEMENT PAYMENTS	132,000	160,000	120,000	40,000
MMA OFFICE BEARER EXPENSES	43,837	40,690	39,852	838
OTHER REPRESENTATIVE MEETING	95,589	95,778	86,899	8,879
GIFT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS	22,000	22,000	21,922	78
SEMINARS / EVENT EXPENSES	1,182,478	1,046,379	861,236	185,143
GRANTS & SPONSORSHIP				
GRANTS TO BRANCHES	668,355	683,795	523,516	160,279
GRANTS FOR AGM	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
DONATION	60,000	60,000	53,500	6,500
INTERNATIONAL EXPENSES				
INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLING EXPENSES	250,000	250,000	231,153	18,847
MMA BUILDING				
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING	676,952	657,866	612,563	45,303
UPKEEP OF MMA HOUSE	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
SECTIONS AND COMMITTEES				
COMMITTEE MEETINGS	311,602	342,955	212,934	130,021
PPS MEETINGS AND EVENT EXPENDITURE	200,800	180,000	163,092	16,908
SCHOMOS MEETINGS AND EVENT EXPENDITURE	330,000	300,000	203,016	96,984
SMMAMS MEETINGS AND EVENT EXPENDITURE	91,092	91,518	53,611	37,907
PUBLICATIONS				-
PUBLICATIONS (Berita)	308,579	261,600	258,740	2,860
PUBLICATIONS (MJM)	250,110	231,500	186,769	44,731
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	24,000	24,000	24,000	-
PRESS OFFICER	70,000	70,000	70,000	-
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
AUDIT FEES	25,000	25,000	22,000	3,000
ADMIN EXPENSES	252,300	218,204	222,938	(4,734)
PROFESSIONAL/LEGAL FEES	118,437	43,220	107,670	(64,450)
INSURANCE - (ASSOCIATION LIABILITIES)	24,200	24,000	22,000	2,000
IT EXPENSES	275,519	248,600	252,341	(3,741)
SECRETARIAT STAFF EXPENSES	2,464,529	2,352,050	2,195,166	156,884
UPKEEP OF MOTOR VEHICLE	11,930	17,024	10,845	6,179
SUBSCRIPTION TO AFFILIATED BODIES	34,331	36,248	29,937	6,311
DEPRECIATION	545,651	510,000	496,046	13,954
DISPOSAL OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
PURCHASE OF SOUVENIRS	41,666	39,666	17,600	22,066
SALES AND SERVICE TAX	50,000	11,062	16,780	(5,718)
CAPEX				
SOFTWARE & HARDWARE	84,000	50,000	32,495	17,505
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	28,000	30,000	4,320	25,680
OFFICE FURNITURES & EQUIPMENT	20,000	20,000	20,776	(776)
FINANCE COST	16,050	17,013	14,591	2,422
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENSES	**9,354,491**	**8,751,847**	**7,766,023**	**985,824**
SURPLUS BEFORE DONATION TO MMA	**1,631,208**	**1,865,395**	**3,004,711**	**(1,139,316)**
LESS : DONATION TO MMA FOUNDATION	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	-
SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION	**1,431,208**	**1,665,395**	**2,804,711**	**1,139,316**
PROVISION FOR TAXATION	(1,367,140)	(1,623,993)	(1,215,708)	408,285
SURPLUS	**64,068**	**41,402**	**1,589,003**	**(1,547,601)**

The Annual Budget for the year 2026/2027 was unanimously received and adopted by the House.

Proposer: Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)
Seconder: Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal A/L Gyanchand Rampal (WPKL)

For your information.

6 TO ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR

6.1 Assoc. Prof. Dr Mark Tan (Selangor), Chairman of the MMA Ethics Committee 2025/2026, presented the Committee's report for the 2025/2026 term.

He informed members that the Committee comprised seven members, in accordance with the MMA Constitution, and was represented by members with diverse and relevant expertise. The Committee held four meetings during the term, although only three meetings were reflected in the circulated report due to the reporting cut-off date, with the fourth meeting having been held in July 2026.

(1) Complaints Management

The Ethics Committee categorised complaints received by MMA into three classifications:

- **Official Cases** – Complaints submitted through the official complaint form available on the MMA website.
- **CC Cases** – Complaints submitted to other bodies, principally the Ministry of Health, MMC, or other relevant authorities, where MMA was copied for information. Generally, no action was taken by MMA in such cases unless required.
- **Other Cases** – Unofficial complaints, queries, or matters received through other channels, including anonymous complaints, which were recorded for reporting purposes.

As of 15th June 2026, the Committee received:

- official cases;
- CC cases; and
- other cases.

The official cases related to allegations involving:

- Unprofessional conduct;
- Advertisement; and
- Alleged medical negligence.

De-identified and anonymised summaries of the official cases were included in the report circulated to members. Summaries of CC cases and other cases were also included as Appendices 1 and 2 to provide members with an overview of the types of complaints received.

The Committee noted that while the number of official cases had generally decreased over the years, the total number of cases across all three classifications had remained relatively stable.

(2) Workshops and Guidelines

The Committee's other activities included:

- Organising and collaborating on a Migration Health Ethics Workshop held at Monash University Malaysia; and
- Developing Guidelines on Responsible Social Media Use.

The social media guidelines were still under development. The first draft had been prepared and was undergoing review, with the intention of publishing the guidelines in the following term. The guidelines were intended to provide guidance to doctors and healthcare workers on responsible social media use, particularly in view of the increasing engagement of doctors on social media platforms.

(3) Monthly Ethics Webinar Series

The Committee had successfully organised nine monthly ethics webinars during the term. Topics covered included:

- Ethical Approaches to Documentation Errors and Adverse Events;
- Lessons from MMC Disciplinary Proceedings;
- Updates on Malaysian Medical Council guidelines; and
- Other relevant medical ethics and professional practice issues.

An additional webinar on Becoming an Expert Witness, held in August 2026 and therefore after the reporting cut-off date, was highlighted as having achieved the highest participation recorded for the series, with approximately 342 participants and nearly 600 registrants.

The Committee expressed its intention to continue the webinar series in the coming term and welcomed suggestions from members on topics for future sessions.

(4) Position Papers

The Ethics Committee had also been involved in the preparation and updating of two MMA position papers at the request of the MMA National Health Policy Committee:

- MMA Position Paper on Medical Errors – Updated and approved by the MMA Council (available on the MMA Website)
- MMA Position Paper on Access to Medical Records – Updated and currently under review by the National Health Policy Committee. Upon completion of the relevant approval processes, the position paper would be uploaded to the MMA website.

(5) Regional Ethics and Medico-Legal Activities

The Committee continued its efforts to bring ethics education and information to doctors in areas where access to ethics and medico-legal conferences might be more limited.

Activities included:

- Expansion of the Sandakan Medical Ethics Seminar held in the previous term into the Sabah East Coast Medical Ethics Seminar, with the current term's programme held in Lahad Datu;
- Plans to conduct the next seminar in Tawau during the coming term; and
- Collaboration with JKN Kelantan and HRPZ II for the Kelantan Medico-Legal and Ethics Course 2026.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mark Tan thanked the Ethics Committee members, MMA Council, members who participated in the webinars and activities, and the Secretariat staff, particularly Ms. Syarah, for their support and assistance.

6.2 The President (2025/2026) thanked Assoc. Prof. Dr Mark Tan for his presentation and commended the work of the Ethics Committee. He noted Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mark Tan's academic background in medical ethics and highlighted the expertise and postgraduate qualifications of several Committee members. The President further remarked that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mark Tan had significantly transformed the Ethics Committee during his tenure and called upon members to give him a round of applause.

6.3 The Ethics Report 2025/2026 was unanimously adopted by the House:

Proposer: Dr. Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan (Kedah)
Seconder: Dr. Thum Chern Choong (Selangor)

For your information.

7 TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE AS PRESIDENT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE YEAR PRECEDING

7.1 Dr. Sivanaesan A/L Letchumanan (Selangor) was formally installed as the President of MMA for the term 2026/2027.

7.2 Address by the newly installed President 2026/2027:

- He addressed the meeting and expressed his honour, humility, and sense of responsibility upon assuming the presidency of the Malaysian Medical Association.

- He thanked members for the trust placed in him and paid tribute to the outgoing President, Council, and leadership for their service to MMA.

- He expressed appreciation to:

  (a) Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo, the Immediate Past President, for his contributions and service to MMA through his various roles, including PPS Chairman, HGS, and President; and

  (b) Dato' Dr Kalwinder Singh Kaira, the outgoing Immediate Past President, for sharing his experience and expertise from his service with the Ministry of Health, Malaysian Medical Council, and his involvement as a building consultant.

- He called upon members to move forward as one MMA with the shared purpose of:

  (a) Serving members;

  (b) Defending the medical profession;

  (c) Protecting patients; and

  (d) Serving the people of Malaysia.

- He stated that his commitment would be to listen, engage, and act, and emphasised that the incoming leadership would adopt an inclusive approach to decision-making.

- He further stated that MMA would work constructively with the Government and all stakeholders and remain willing to engage in dialogue to find solutions. However, where the welfare of doctors, the integrity of the profession, or patient safety was at stake, MMA would continue to speak up firmly.

- He invited members to contribute ideas, participate actively, and provide constructive criticism where appropriate. He expressed the hope that the coming year would be characterised not merely by meetings and statements, but by action, unity, and progress.

- He concluded by thanking the members and formally commencing his term as President of MMA for 2026/2027.

For your information.

8 TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE AS AN IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

8.1 Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (WPKL), was declared as the Immediate Past President of MMA for the term 2026/2027.

8.2 Dato' Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak), the Immediate Past President for 2025/2026, was presented with the Past President's Medal in recognition of his service.

8.3 Dr. Mohamed Namazie (Selangor) expressed appreciation to Dato' Dr Kalwinder Singh Kaira for his service and contributions to MMA during his tenure as President and Immediate Past President.

For your information.

9. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

9.1 The House was informed that there were two (2) valid nominations received for the post of President-Elect on the closing date of nomination.

9.2 Following the elections result, the House accepted and declared Dr. Selvarajah A/L S. Sathaya (WPKKL) as President-Elect for the term 2026/2027.

For your information.

10. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

10.1 The House was informed that by the closing date for nominations, three (3) nominations were received for the post of Honorary General Secretary with only two (2) valid nominations and one was invalid.

10.2 Following the elections result, the House accepted and declared Dr. Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan (Penang) as the Honorary General Secretary for the term 2026/2027.

For your information.

11. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE HONORARY GENERAL TREASURER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

11.1 The House was informed that there were two (2) valid nominations received for the post of Honorary General Treasurer on the closing date of nomination.

11.2 Following the election results, the House accepted and declared Dr. Arvindran A/L Alaga as the Honorary General Treasurer for the term 2026/2027.

For your information.

12. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE TWO (2) HONORARY DEPUTY SECRETARIES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

12.1 The House was informed that by the closing date for nominations, four (4) valid nominations were received for the post of Honorary Deputy Secretaries.

12.2 Following the election results, Dato' Dr. Parmjit Singh A/L Kuldip Singh (Penang) and Dr. Sivabala A/L Selvaratnam (Perak) were accepted and declared as Honorary Deputy Secretaries for the term 2026/2027.

For your information.

13. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COUNCIL INCLUDING ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE(S) ELECTED BY THE RESPECTIVE BRANCHES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

13.1 The following members were accepted and declared as the respective Branch representatives for the MMA Council, 2026/2027:

BRANCH	BRANCH **REPRESENTATIVE(S)**	**ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE(S)**

Johor	1. DR PRABHA@SHANTI A/P SUBRAMANIAM *(Chairperson)* 2. DR RAMADASS SELVAKUMAR *(Vice Chairman)*	1. DR AZZAD BIN HAMZAH *(Honorary Secretary)*
Kedah	1. DR SELVANAAYAGAM SHANMUGANATHAN *(Chairman)* 2. DR SRITHARAN RAO A/L SUBBARAO *(Vice-Chairman)*	1. DR FARAH DIANA BINTI ROSLI *(Honorary Secretary)* 2. DR. KEVIN RAJ A/L SELVARAJAH *(Honorary Treasurer)*
Kelantan	1. DR MOHD ZULFAKAR MAZLAN *(Chairman)* 2. DR MOHAMAD HAFIZ BIN HARUN *(Vice-Chairman)*	1. DR TUAN ZAMANI AMIR TUAN ZAKARIA *(PPS Representative)* 2. DR MUHAMMAD BIN CHE YAACOB *(SCHOMOS representative)*
Melaka	1. DR SOH YIH HARNG *(Chairman)* 2. DR JOTHINATHAN A/L MUNIANDY *(Vice-Chairman)*	1. DR LIANNE ALYCHIA HENDRIKS *(Honorary Secretary)* 2. DR JACKLYN ANG SI WEI *(Honorary Treasurer)*
Negeri Sembilan	1. DR NARVINDARAN MARIAPPAN *(Chairman)* 2. DR GUNENTHIRA RAO A/L SUBBARAO *(Vice-Chairman)*	1. DR SELVA GANAPATHI A/L GANESON *(Honorary Secretary)* 2. DR VIDYAMALINI A/P DR RAMASAMY *(Honorary Treasurer)*
Pahang	1. NOR AZLINA A RAHMAN *(Chairperson)*	1. DR TAN JIUNN LIANG *(Vice-Chairman)*
Penang	1. DATO' DR PARMJIT SINGH A/L KULDIP SINGH *(Chairman)* 2. DR PRAVEEN SELVARAJAH *(Honorary Secretary)*	1. DR JAIANAND J. TEJANI *(Honorary Treasurer)* 2. DR DIVAGAR A/L VARATHA RAJU *(Committee Member)*
Perak	1. DR MONESH PILLAI A/L GOPI *(Chairman)* *2.* DR SURETHERAN A/L KIRSNAN *(Vice-Chairman)*	1. DR PHAN AI PING *(Honorary Secretary)* 2. DR POTHANANTHA RAJA PATHMANATHAN *(Honorary Treasurer)*
Perlis	1. MEJAR (K) DATO' DR. HARI RAM A/L RAMAYYA *(Chairman)*	1. DR HASSANIN HUSSEYNE HILMI BIN MOHD KHALID *(Vice-Chairman)*

Sabah	1. DR BRANDON PATRICK SENAGANG *(Chairman)* 1. DR DEENISH MUNIANDY *(Vice-Chairman)*	1. DR. CATHERINE SOO SHEN CHAN *(Honorary Secretary)* 2. DR SHAHNAZ IRWANI SABRI *(Honorary Treasurer)*
Sarawak	1. DR LAU BIK LIANG *(Chairman)* 2. DR KON KAH HIN *(Vice-Chairman)*	1. DR YAU MAY YANN *(Honorary Secretary)* 2. DR ONG ENG-JOE *(Committee Member)*
Selangor	1. DR AMUTHAMEENA A/P MANOHARAN *(Chairperson)* 2. DR ZAITUL AKMA BT BAHARUDDIN *(Vice-Chairperson)*	1. DR GAYATHRI DEVI RAMANATHAN *(Honorary Secretary)* 2. DR RISHI VARMAA A/L GANASAN *(Honorary Treasurer)*
Terengganu	1. DR MOHD ILHAM BIN ISMAIL *(Chairman)*	1. DR NFIZREE BIN MOHD NORDIN *(Vice-Chairman)*
Wilayah Persekutuan	1. KOL DR GNANAMALAR GNANASUNDRAM *(Chairperson)* 2. DR GOKILAVANI SEKAR CHANDRAN *(Vice-Chairperson)*	1. DR MUHAMMAD YUSOF SIBERT *(Honorary Treasurer)* 2. DR MANOHAR A/L BENDIAH@BALLU *(Honorary Secretary)*

For your information.

14. TO ACCEPT AND DECLARE THE SCHOMOS REPRESENTATIVE AND PPSMMA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED BY THESE SECTIONS

14.1 The House accepted and declared the following members as the representatives for SCHOMOS and PPSMMA for 2026/2027:

SCHOMOS **:** Dr. Thum Chern Choong (Selangor)
PPSMMA **:** Dr. Eratha Krishnan A/L Gobinadan (WPKL)

The meeting recorded its appreciation to Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien for his two years of service as Chairman of SCHOMOS. Dr. Mohamed Namazie invited the House to give a round of applause to Dr. Timothy Cheng and the SCHOMOS Committee in recognition of their contributions and achievements during the preceding year.

For your information.

15. TO ELECT TWO (2) HONORARY AUDITORS AND APPOINT THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

15.1 The following were nominated for the post of Honorary Auditors for the term 2026/2027:

i. **Dr. Mary Suma Cardosa (Selangor)**
Proposer: Dr. Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan (Kedah)
Seconder: Dr Rukeswaran A/L Ganasen (WPKL)

ii. **Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)**
Proposer: Dr. Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan (Kedah)
Seconder: Dr Rukeswaran A/L Ganasen (WPKL)
***Note:** Dr. Mohamed Namazie declined the nomination.*

iii. **Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)**
Proposer: Dr Loke Xi-Mun (Kelantan)
***Note:** Dr. Liew Shan Fap declined the nomination.*

iv. **Dato Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak)**
Proposer: Dr. Divagar A/L Varatha Raju (Penang)
Seconder: Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

15.2 Closure of Nominations

The closure of nominations was proposed by Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak) and seconded by Dr. Tuan Zamani Amir Bin Tuan Zakaria (Kelantan).

15.3 Declaration of Honorary Auditors

There being no further nominations, the House accepted and declared **Dr. Mary Suma Cardosa (Selangor) and Dato' Dr. Kalwinder Singh Khaira (Sarawak)** as the Honorary Auditors for the 2026/2027 term.

For your information.

15.4 The House was informed that the MMA had received three quotations for the appointment of the External Auditor for the financial year ending 31 December 2026, as follows:

No.	Firm	Audit Fee for the Year Ending 31 December 2026*
i.	RAKI CS TAN & RAMANAN	RM 21,000
ii.	A. RAZAK & CO. PLT	RM 22,000
iii.	DAXIN KF&C PLT	RM 23,000

**Excluding disbursements, out-of-pocket expenses and SST.*

- Dr. Arvindran A/L Alaga, Honorary General Treasurer 2026/2027 (Kedah), proposed the appointment of RAKI CS TAN & RAMANAN as the External Auditor for the 2026/2027 term.

- Following discussion, the House agreed to appoint RAKI CS TAN & RAMANAN as the External Auditor for the 2026/2027 term.

- The appointment was proposed by Dr. Gunenthira Rao A/L Subbarao (Negeri Sembilan) and seconded by Dr. Tuan Zamani Amir Bin Tuan Zakaria (Kelantan).

For your information.

16. TO DECIDE ON ANY RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND ON OTHER RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN DULY SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING AS PROVIDED FOR, UNDER CLAUSE 7 (1) (iii)

16.1 Dr. Sivanaesan A/L Letchumanan, the President (2026/2027) informed the House that the Constitution was the Association's supreme governing document and should establish a coherent, consistent and legally sound framework for the governance of MMA. He emphasised that the Constitution should serve the membership as a whole and should not be amended reactively in response to individual disputes.

The President (2026/2027) further informed the House that the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee (CRRC), chaired by Dr Mohamed Namazie, had conducted a preliminary review of the Constitution and identified significant issues arising from amendments made piecemeal over many years, including internal inconsistencies, ambiguities, overlapping provisions and difficulties in interpretation. The CRRC had therefore recommended that the Association undertake a comprehensive review and redrafting of the Constitution, with legal expertise to be engaged where necessary.

The President (2026/2027) invited members to provide their views and suggestions before the Chairman of the CRRC presented the Committee's report.

16.2 Views and Suggestions from Members

16.2.1 Dr. Gayathri K.Kumarasuriar (Melaka)

i. Dr. Gayathri expressed her support for the proposed comprehensive review of the Constitution and agreed that the existing piecemeal approach to amendments had resulted in confusion. She proposed that a dedicated task force be established to undertake the review.

ii. She further suggested that the task force should have broad and balanced representation, including senior and junior members, as well as appropriate representation in terms of gender and racial diversity, to ensure that the review reflected the interests of the wider membership.

16.2.2 Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak)

i. Dr. Ravindran Naidu recalled that the Constitution had previously undergone a comprehensive revision with legal assistance, around 2010–2012. He noted that numerous amendments had subsequently been made over the years, resulting in provisions which were no longer adequately correlated with one another.

ii. He supported the establishment of a special task force or committee to review the Constitution comprehensively and proposed that the exercise be completed within one year, with the revised Constitution to be presented at the following AGM.

16.2.3 Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka)

i. Dr Ashok expressed support for the comprehensive review of the Constitution. He observed that the Constitution had been substantially revamped approximately a decade ago to align with the requirements of the Registrar of Societies (ROS), but that repeated amendments over the years had resulted in inconsistencies and a lack of coherence between provisions. He remarked that amending the Constitution had, in effect, become a recurring "hobby" at the Annual General Meeting, with amendments being brought forward year after year.

ii. He proposed that a suitable panel or task force be established to undertake the review and suggested that a preliminary draft be prepared by the end of the year for circulation to members, allowing members sufficient opportunity to provide comments, suggestions and further proposals.

iii. In response to Dr Ravi Naidu's suggestion that the comprehensive review should be completed within one year and presented at the following AGM, Dr Ashok believed that the review could be completed sooner, possibly by the end of the year. He suggested that the Association need not wait until the following AGM for its approval. Instead, a Special General Meeting could be convened to consider and approve the revised Constitution once the review had been completed and the proposed amendments were ready for consideration.

16.2.4 Dr. Fadzilah bt Hasan (Negeri Sembilan)

i. Dr. Fadzilah supported the establishment of a dedicated team to review the Constitution. She suggested that the team should comprise a balanced representation of senior and junior members, male and female members, and doctors from both the public and private sectors.

ii. She further suggested that constitutional legal expertise be made available to the team, subject to the cost being reasonable for the Association. Drawing from her experience attending MMA AGMs, she noted that considerable time was spent dealing with constitutional amendments at successive AGMs and expressed the view that a more comprehensive review would reduce the need for frequent piecemeal amendments.

iii. She also emphasised that the Constitution should take into account changes occurring over a longer period and should provide provisions that remain relevant and appropriate for several years rather than requiring repeated amendments annually.

16.2.5 Dr. Sivanaesan A/L Letchumanan (Selangor)/ President 2026/2027

i. The President agreed with the points raised by Dr. Fadzilah and observed that repeated amendments, including amendments to relatively minor provisions, had created difficulties in the interpretation and application of the Constitution.

ii. By way of illustration, the President referred to arrangements for the Association's annual banquet. He noted that the Constitution specifically provides for the three Presidents and their spouses, as well as the Chief Guest and spouse, to be seated at the main table. He pointed out that, on occasions where other distinguished VVIPs were invited, such as a former Minister of Health, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam Sathasivam, who was invited to this annual banquet in addition to the Chief Guest, the existing constitutional provision did not allow such a VVIP to be seated at the main table. He cited this as an example of how overly specific provisions could unnecessarily restrict the Association's ability to make appropriate arrangements and highlighted the need for a comprehensive review of the Constitution to avoid excessive micromanagement of matters of Association governance.

16.2.6 Dr. Liew Boon Seng (Selangor)

i. Dr. Liew Boon Seng expressed support for reviewing the Constitution to ensure that its provisions were coherent and consistent with one another.

ii. However, he emphasised that the proposed comprehensive review should not affect the constitutional rights of members to submit resolutions and amendments. He stressed that amendments which had already been duly submitted and approved for presentation at the present AGM should continue to be considered.

iii. He further suggested that, going forward, greater care should be taken to ensure that resolutions passed at AGMs were drafted coherently before being incorporated into the Constitution and submitted to the ROS. He emphasised that this should be done without restricting members' rights to propose constitutional amendments.

16.2.7 Dr Gunasekaran A/L M Ramasamy (Melaka)

i. The President conveyed an online comment from Dr. Gunasekaran, who expressed support for the proposal to review and fine-tune the Constitution.

16.2.8 Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)

i. Dr. Liew Shan Fap supported the proposal to review the Constitution but cautioned against an immediate wholesale replacement without careful consideration. He noted that a comprehensive revision would be a substantial exercise and that it might be difficult to obtain agreement from all members on every provision.

ii. He observed that circumstances and the operating environment of the Association would continue to change and that the Constitution therefore needed to remain adaptable. He suggested that outdated or no longer applicable provisions could be identified and addressed progressively.

iii. He further emphasised that, if a comprehensive review were undertaken, it should involve proper representation from the various states and relevant segments of the membership and should include appropriate constitutional legal expertise.

16.2.9 Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

i. Dr. Timothy informed the House that he had submitted 29 proposed amendments to the Constitution for consideration at the present AGM. He stated that he was speaking as a Life Member, a Past Chairman of SCHOMOS, and as a disqualified candidate for the post of Honorary General Secretary. He explained that he had been approached by more than one individual and was asked whether he would withdraw his proposed amendments and instead place the matters before the proposed task force or committee for consideration. He stated that he had declined to do so, as he considered the amendments he had submitted to be substantive matters relating to governance and accountability, rather than merely matters of punctuation, wording or drafting.

ii. He emphasised that his proposed amendments addressed what he considered to be governance gaps and accountability issues within the Constitution. He therefore maintained that, having duly submitted the amendments in accordance with the Constitution, he had a constitutional right to have them brought before the House for consideration. He stated that he intended to exercise that right and did not agree that the amendments should simply be withdrawn or deferred to a future review process.

iii. He further raised a concern regarding the proposal for a comprehensive revamp or rewrite of the Constitution. He questioned whether the Constitution itself provided for the Association to undertake a total revamp of the Constitution through a task force or committee, given that the existing Constitution already prescribes the procedure by which amendments are to be proposed, submitted, considered and approved.

iv. He also questioned why the proposal for a comprehensive review was being brought forward at this particular AGM, noting that a substantial number of constitutional amendments had been submitted for consideration this year. He sought clarification as to the basis for proposing that these amendments be referred to a task force or comprehensive review instead of proceeding through the constitutional amendment process provided for in the existing Constitution.

v. He further stated that he had already been denied the right to raise an issue during the present AGM, which he had not pursued or dealt with further. He cited this in the context of his broader concern regarding members' rights to bring matters before the House and emphasised the importance of ensuring that members were not deprived of their right to submit and have duly submitted matters considered in accordance with the Constitution.

vi. He maintained that his 29 proposed amendments should be considered by the House in accordance with the existing constitutional process and that the establishment of a task force or comprehensive review should not be used to prevent, withdraw or bypass duly submitted amendments.

16.2.10 Dr. Koh Kar Chai (WPKL)

i. Dr. Koh Kar Chai clarified that the proposal was not intended to disregard or replace the existing Constitution, which remained binding on the Association. He observed that the

Constitution had undergone numerous amendments over the years and that the accumulation of amendments could result in provisions that did not adequately align with one another. He supported a comprehensive review and recommended the establishment of a team or task force to undertake the exercise.

ii. He further recommended that a constitutional lawyer be appointed to work alongside the team and provide appropriate legal guidance. He clarified that the lawyer would not determine the substantive content of the Constitution but would assist the team in ensuring that the revised provisions were properly structured, consistent and legally sound.

16.2.11 Prof Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal A/L Gyanchand Rampal (WPKL)

i. Prof. Rampal expressed support for the views raised by Dr. Liew Shan Fap and Dr. Timothy Cheng concerning members' constitutional rights. He emphasised that where a member had duly proposed a constitutional amendment and obtained the required seconder, the amendment should proceed for consideration at the present AGM. He stated that the outcome of each amendment should be determined by the members attending the AGM.

ii. Prof. Rampal nevertheless supported the establishment of a task force or committee to undertake a broader review of the Constitution, provided that such an exercise did not prevent duly submitted amendments from being considered at the present AGM.

16.2.12 Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)/ Chairman of the Constitution Review and Resolutions Committee (CRRC) 2025/2026

i. Dr. Namazie informed the House that the CRRC had undertaken a detailed review and analysis of the Constitution, as set out in a report of approximately 60 pages. He reported that the Constitution was comprehensive and reflected the Association's development over several decades. It addressed the principal areas of governance expected of a professional association, including membership, elections, finances, ethics, disciplinary procedures, branches, specialist sections and dispute resolution. However, the review identified several weaknesses arising from repeated amendments over the years without a complete redraft, namely:

(a) duplicated provisions;
(b) inconsistent terminology;
(c) conflicting procedural requirements;
(d) excessive repetition;
(e) broad discretionary powers without adequate safeguards;
(f) outdated drafting style; and
(g) drafting, grammatical, numbering and typographical errors.

ii. He clarified that these matters did not necessarily invalidate the Constitution but collectively increased the risk of inconsistent interpretation and governance disputes. The CRRC's risk assessment identified constitutional interpretation as a high-risk area. Elections and

membership were assessed as medium-risk areas, financial control as low risk, and discipline as medium to high risk.

iii. He stated that, in view of the number of constitutional amendments submitted for the present AGM, the CRRC recommended that the Association establish a task force to undertake a comprehensive review and redrafting of the Constitution.

iv. He reiterated that the right of members to submit constitutional amendments was recognised and could not be denied. The House would therefore determine how the amendments already submitted should be dealt with.

v. The President (2026/2027) thanked Dr. Namazie and sought the views of the House on whether a mandate should be given to the Council to appoint a committee or task force to review the Constitution comprehensively. The President reiterated that the proposal did not require members to withdraw any amendments and that the rights of members to submit and pursue constitutional amendments would be preserved.

16.2.13 Dr. Bhupindar Kaur A/P Harbans Singh (Selangor)

i. Dr. Bhupindar Kaur A/P Harbans Singh suggested that, in view of the differing views expressed during the discussion, the matter should be put to a vote to determine whether the Association should proceed with the proposed constitutional review.

16.2.14 Dr. Gayathri K.Kumarasuriar (Melaka)

i. Dr. Gayathri clarified that there were two separate matters before the House: firstly, whether the Association should undertake a comprehensive review of the Constitution; and secondly, the individual constitutional amendments and resolutions submitted for consideration at the present AGM.

ii. She emphasised that agreement to undertake a comprehensive review should not be taken to mean that the duly submitted amendments would not be considered at the present AGM.

16.2.15 Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)

i. Dr. Liew Shan Fap clarified that his earlier comments were intended to highlight the need to consider both the advantages and potential implications of a comprehensive review.

ii. He reiterated his support for reviewing the Constitution and stated that the term “relook” appropriately reflected the objective of identifying provisions requiring change or updating rather than automatically replacing every provision.

16.2.16 Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)/ Chairman of the Constitution Review and Resolutions Committee (CRRC) 2025/2026

i. Dr. Namazie informed the House that the CRRC report had already identified the specific clauses requiring attention.

ii. He explained that each clause had been analysed, with the relevant risks and issues highlighted in the report.

16.2.17 Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

i. Dr. Timothy Cheng asked whether the existing CRRC could itself engage a constitutional lawyer to undertake the necessary review and sought clarification on how this would differ from establishing a separate task force.

ii. The President (2026/2027) clarified that the proposed exercise was intended to examine the Constitution as a whole rather than individual provisions in isolation. He reiterated that the objective was to synchronise and align the various provisions for the Association's current governance needs. He again emphasised that the proposed review would not prevent members from exercising their constitutional right to submit amendments.

16.3 Mandate to Review the Constitution

i. The President (2026/2027) sought the House's agreement to give the Council a mandate to establish a task force or committee, following the first Council meeting, to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constitution.

ii. The President initially indicated that, in the absence of objection, the mandate could be taken as having been given by the House. However, members raised concerns regarding the need for a formal vote and the appropriate placement of the matter under the agenda.

(a) Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak) proposed that a formal vote be conducted for record purposes so that the views of members for and against could be clearly recorded.

(b) Prof. Datuk Dr Lekhraj Rampal A/L Gyanchand Rampal (WPKL) reiterated that, while the establishment of a committee to review the Constitution could be supported, the duly submitted constitutional amendments remained part of the present AGM agenda and should continue to be considered. He stated that new resolutions could not be introduced outside the prescribed constitutional process.

(c) The President clarified that the proposed mandate concerned the comprehensive review of the Constitution and did not remove or replace the duly submitted amendments.

16.4 Placement of the Proposed Review Under Other Matters

i. Dr. Liew Boon Seng (Selangor) proposed that the proposed mandate for the comprehensive review be dealt with under Other Matters, rather than as a resolution under the present agenda item, as it had not been submitted as one of the resolutions for consideration at the AGM.

ii. Prof Dr Hoe Chee Wai, Victor (WPKL) similarly emphasised the need to follow the agenda and noted that "Other Matters" followed the consideration of resolutions. He cautioned that the Association should adhere to the prescribed agenda and constitutional procedure to avoid issues with the ROS.

iii. After considering the views expressed, the President (2026/2027) agreed that the vote on the proposed mandate for a comprehensive review of the Constitution would be conducted under Other Matters.

iv. The President (2026/2027) informed the House that additional time would be required for the IT team to set up the voting arrangements and therefore directed the meeting to proceed with the constitutional amendments under the present agenda item. The proposed comprehensive constitutional review and its mandate would be dealt with under Other Matters. The President called upon the CRRC Chairman 2025/2026, Dr. Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor), along with the President-Elect (2026/2027), in his capacity as a member of the CRRC, Dr. S. Selvarajah A/L Sathaya (WPKL), to facilitate the session.

16.5 Consideration of Constitutional Amendments

Dr. Mohamed Namazie thereafter proceeded with the consideration of the constitutional amendments duly submitted for the present AGM. They acknowledged that members' rights to submit constitutional amendments had to be respected and confirmed that the submitted amendments would be considered by the House.

16.5.1. Highlights:

I. All voting would take place electronically via the MMA Mobile Application (MMA App). Members were provided with guidance on the voting process through a brief video presentation delivered by the MMA Secretariat.

II. All proposed amendments to the Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Branch Delegates present physically or virtually, as long as a quorum is present for each voting session, as stated in MMA Constitution, Clause 20(1)(ii). In percentage terms, this means 66.7% or higher approval.

III. Other resolutions require a simple majority of the Branch Delegates present physically and virtually and voting, provided a quorum is maintained for each voting session. However, for any resolutions involving expenditures exceeding RM 500,000, approval from a two-thirds majority is necessary.

IV. The voting options for all motions were limited to two choices: YES (Accept) and NO (Reject). ABSTAIN was not included as a voting option. ABSTAIN indicates abstention from voting. If members do not vote, they are present but not voting.

V. Members wishing to speak were asked to address the President, identify themselves by stating their full name and branch, and speak clearly for record-keeping purposes.

16.5.2. The House was presented with forty-two (42) proposed Constitutional Amendments.

16.5.3. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

16.5.4. Discussion on the Proposed Amendments to Constitution:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

(Remarks: Rejected by the House)

Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak) presented the following proposed amendment on behalf of the MMA Elections Committee (2025/2026):

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 --- [Elections Committee and Election Review Panel]

Proposer: Dr Ravindran R Naidu
Seconder: Prof Dr Jayakumar Gurusamy
(On behalf of the MMA Elections Committee)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(7) Elections Committee The Council shall, at its first meeting appoint an Elections Committee of five (5) members who are neither members of Council nor of Branch Committee for the purpose of conducting elections and to look into complaints regarding nominations, manifestos and elections of the principal office bearers and to make the necessary recommendations to Council. Council shall also appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst these five (5) members. The Elections Committee will be autonomous and be responsible for preparing the terms of reference for conduct of the elections.	**(7) Elections Committee and Election Review Panel** (i) Elections Committee The Council shall, at its first meeting appoint an Elections Committee of five (5) members who are neither members of Council nor of Branch Committee for the purpose of conducting elections and to look into complaints regarding nominations, manifestos and elections of the principal office bearers and to make the necessary recommendations to Council. Council shall also appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst these five (5) members. The Elections Committee shall be autonomous and shall prepare, maintain and, where necessary, revise the Terms of Reference for the conduct and administration of elections under this Constitution. (ii) Election Review Panel (a) Prior to the commencement of each election cycle, the Council shall appoint an **Election Review Panel** consisting of three (3) Life Members in good standing, preferably with previous service as Principal Office Bearers of the Malaysian Medical Association. A person shall not be eligible for appointment if he is a member of the current Council, Executive Committee, Elections Committee, or any Branch Committee; or has any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in relation to the election.

	A member of the Election Review Panel who becomes a candidate for election, accepts nomination, or otherwise becomes ineligible under this Clause shall vacate his office immediately, and the Council shall appoint a qualified replacement. (b) The Council shall appoint a Chairman of the Election Review Panel from amongst its members. (c) The Election Review Panel shall be an independent and autonomous body established for the limited purpose of reviewing decisions of the Elections Committee. (d) The jurisdiction of the Election Review Panel shall be confined to determining whether a decision of the Elections Committee— i. is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution; ii. exceeds the powers conferred upon the Elections Committee by this Constitution; iii. contravenes any Election Regulations lawfully made by the Elections Committee; iv. is affected by a material breach of the principles of natural justice; or v. is affected by a material procedural irregularity capable of affecting the outcome of the decision. (e) The Election Review Panel shall not conduct a rehearing of the matter nor substitute its own judgment for that of the Elections Committee on matters properly within the discretion of the Elections Committee. (f) Upon completing its review, the Election Review Panel may— i. affirm the decision of the Elections Committee; ii. remit the matter to the Elections Committee for reconsideration in accordance with such directions as are consistent with this Constitution; iii. vary or set aside the decision only where it is satisfied that one or more of the grounds specified in

	sub-clause (d) has been established. (g) The determination of the Election Review Panel shall be final and binding upon the Elections Committee, the Council, the Executive Committee, all candidates and all members of the Association, and shall not be subject to review under Clause 30 of this Constitution or to any further internal appeal or review. (h) The Internal Dispute Resolution mechanism established under Clause 30 of this Constitution shall not apply to the review of decisions of the Elections Committee or the Election Review Panel arising from the conduct of elections under this Constitution. (i) The Election Review Panel shall regulate its own procedures in accordance with this Constitution and the Election Standard Operating Procedure approved by the Council and adopted by the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale of the proposed amendments:

(a) Over the past several years, disputes had arisen following decisions made by the MMA Elections Committee during the conduct of elections. In some instances, the Council had initiated an Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) process or otherwise challenged or overruled decisions made by the Elections Committee.

(b) Certain Council members might have a direct or indirect interest in the matters under consideration, particularly where candidates involved in the election were themselves members of the Council. The Proposer expressed concern that Council members with such interests could participate in decisions to challenge, review or overturn the Elections Committee's decisions, thereby creating a potential conflict of interest.

(c) The proposed amendment was intended to address this concern and to ensure that election-related decisions were handled through a process that was independent, impartial and free from potential conflicts of interest.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

i. Dr. Timothy stated that he had submitted five other proposed amendments which, in his view, were opposed to or closely related to Proposed Amendment No. 1. He requested permission to briefly address the related points together, explaining that doing so would save time and serve the interest of the meeting.

ii. The President (2026/2027) reminded Dr Timothy to confine his remarks to Proposed Amendment 1 and not to discuss the other amendments at that stage.

iii. Dr Timothy clarified that, should Proposed Amendment 1 be passed, it would have implications for the other five amendments he had proposed. He nevertheless proceeded to raise what he considered to be his first related concern. He expressed concern that the proposed amendment could further expose an existing lack of accountability within the Elections Committee. He referred to an incident during the present AGM where, according to him, the Elections Committee, allegedly in conjunction with a number of Council members, had prevented him from bringing an issue before the floor of the AGM.

iv. He explained that, where a dispute was referred to the Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) process and the IDR determined that the matter could not proceed, he understood that the matter should ordinarily be capable of being brought before the AGM. However, he stated that, in practice during the current year, the Council had voted to prevent the matter from being brought before the floor, which he said had occurred in his case.

v. He further expressed concern that, under the proposed amendment, the Elections Committee would be removed from the IDR mechanism and placed under an Election Review Panel which, in his understanding, would be positioned above the Council and other bodies within the Association. He stated that, if the Election Review Panel were placed beyond the reach of the IDR process or any internal appeal mechanism, the only possible avenue of recourse might be to the Registrar of Societies (ROS).

vi. He questioned the appropriateness of establishing a panel consisting of three persons whose decisions, in his view, would effectively be beyond challenge or appeal, including beyond the AGM once the amendment had been adopted. He asked the proposers to clarify where the avenue of recourse would lie against a decision of the Election Review Panel, and whether the recourse would be to the ROS or to another body.

(b) Point of Order by Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo IWPKL)/ the Immediate Past President (IPP) 2026/2027

i. The IPP (2026/2027) raised a point of order and clarified that he was not responding to Dr Timothy's question on the substance of the amendment. He wished to address the wording used by Dr Timothy, particularly the suggestion that members of the Elections Committee had acted in collaboration with Council members.

ii. Referring to his previous role as President and Chairman of the Council, stated that such wording was not acceptable and clarified that the Elections Committee members had been appointed by the Council in accordance with the Constitution. He emphasised that actions

taken by the Council in the past had been carried out pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution.

iii. He stated that he respected Dr Timothy's opinion but wished to place on record that the Council's previous actions had been undertaken constitutionally. He added that, if the general body wished to audit the entire process, it remained open to do so.

(c) Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)

i. Dr. Liew Shan Fap stated that, as a large professional association, MMA should not be operated as a "one-man show" and that matters should be handled collectively and through teamwork. He noted that both the Elections Committee and the IDR process involved groups of doctors and encouraged the relevant parties to work together as a team.

ii. He expressed the view that time should not be unnecessarily spent on what he considered to be a relatively straightforward matter, given that the Association had other important and pertinent professional issues to address. He stated that the Council, including former Presidents and other experienced members involved in the IDR process, possessed considerable experience and was capable of making appropriate decisions.

iii. He indicated that he did not consider the Council's involvement in such matters to be problematic and stated that he supported Proposed Amendment No. 1, as it would provide greater clarity and help avoid disputes and ambiguity. He encouraged the House to proceed with the vote without further delay.

(d) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)/ Chairman of the Constitution Review and Resolutions Committee (CRRC) 2025/2026

i. Dr. Mohamed Namazie stated that he wished to clarify the position concerning the IDR process and the decision referred to during the discussion. He also disputed Dr. Timothy's contention that he had been denied the opportunity to bring his issue before the AGM.

ii. He referred to Clause 30(2)(iii)(f) of the Constitution. He explained that, where a complaint was substantiated against the administration, the Investigating Committee (IC) dealing with the internal dispute could recommend in writing to the Executive Committee that steps be taken to remedy the situation.

iii. He further referred to Clause 30(1)(i), under which the term "administration" was defined as including the MMA Executive Committee, Council, Committee, Sub-Committee or of any other body lawfully constituted by the MMA.

iv. He explained that, in the matter under discussion, the IDR process had found that the complaint was not substantiated. Consequently, the complainant had no further avenue under the relevant constitutional provision. He clarified that a matter could be brought before the AGM where the complaint concerned an individual member, but not where the complaint was against the administration as defined in the Constitution.

v. He therefore stated that the decision reached in the matter was in accordance with the Constitution, and that the Council had accepted the decision of the IDR process.

(e) Dr. Mary Suma Cardosa (Selangor)

i. Dr. Mary Suma Cardosa expressed concern that it was not appropriate to vote on the proposed constitutional amendment in its present form. She stated that the amendment contained several different points, and that a member might agree with one aspect but disagree with another, making it difficult to vote meaningfully on the amendment as a whole.

ii. She further noted that the subsequent five proposed amendments appeared to relate to the same provision of the Constitution, Clause 7(7) Elections Committee. In her view, the amendments should therefore be considered together rather than voted on separately as isolated proposals.

iii. She suggested that the matter would ideally have been considered by the committee tasked with reviewing the resolutions and constitutional amendments submitted for the AGM. However, she acknowledged that she did not have an immediate alternative proposal for resolving the procedural difficulty at that stage.

iv. The President (2026/2027) thanked Dr. Mary and explained that this was precisely the reason why the CRRC had earlier proposed undertaking a comprehensive review of the Constitution. He noted, however, that the meeting had already proceeded to the current stage of considering the submitted amendments.

(f) Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

i. Dr. Timothy clarified, in response to the Immediate Past President's earlier point of order, that he had used the word "if" and had not alleged that the Elections Committee had "collaborated" with Council members.

ii. He stated that there had been no accusation intended and explained that he might have spoken too quickly, adding that he would endeavour to speak more slowly for clarity.

VOTING AND OUTCOME

The House proceeded to vote, and the voting results were displayed on the screen as follows:

Accepted: 67 votes — 49.26%
Rejected: 69 votes — 50.74%

As the required majority was not obtained, **Proposed Amendment 1 was rejected.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2 --- [Elections Committee – Composition & Appointment] Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(7) Elections Committee The Council shall, at its first meeting appoint an Elections Committee of five (5) members who are neither members of Council nor of Branch Committee for the purpose of conducting elections and to look into complaints regarding nominations, manifestos and elections of the principal office bearers and to make the necessary recommendations to Council. Council shall also appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst these five (5) members.	**(7) Elections Committee** Amend the composition provisions to read: At its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall elect an Elections Committee comprising seven (7) members, who are neither members of the Council nor of any Branch Committee. The composition shall include, where possible, at least three (3) Past Presidents of the Association. The Chairman and Secretary of the Elections Committee shall be elected by the Council from among the members of the Committee. No member of the Elections Committee shall hold any post in any Section or Society of the Association during their tenure.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) Dr Timothy explained that, during the first Council meeting of the preceding year, suggestions had been made regarding the replacement or reconstitution of the Elections Committee. However, according to him, the suggestions were not initially taken into consideration, and the names of the proposed members were not recorded in the minutes until the matter was eventually brought to a vote by the Council.

(b) He stated that this experience formed the background to Proposed Amendment No. 2. He expressed the view that the Elections Committee, being an important and autonomous committee of the Association, should not merely be appointed and carried forward from one year to the next. Instead, he proposed that its members should be elected, rather than appointed, to strengthen accountability and transparency.

(c) He further proposed that the Elections Committee should comprise seven members, rather than five, to provide broader representation and greater accountability. He noted that the Ethics Committee also consisted of seven members, while certain other MMA committees had more than seven members. In his view, an important committee such as the Elections Committee should similarly have a larger membership.

Discussion and Voting:

As there were no further opinions expressed, the House proceeded to vote.

The voting results were as follows:

Accepted: 98 votes — 70%
Rejected: 42 votes — 30%

The proposed amendment had obtained the required two-thirds majority and was therefore **passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3
(Remarks: Rejected by the House)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3 --- [Elections Committee Subordinate and Answerable to Council] Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(7) Elections Committee The Council shall, at its first meeting appoint an Elections Committee of five (5) members who are neither members of Council nor of Branch Committee for the purpose of conducting elections and to look into complaints regarding nominations, manifestos and elections of the principal office bearers and to make the necessary recommendations to Council. Council shall also appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst these five (5) members. The Elections Committee will be autonomous and be responsible for preparing the terms of reference for conduct of the elections.	**(7) Elections Committee** … The Elections Committee will be autonomous and be responsible for preparing the terms of reference for conduct of the elections. Amend to add the following, after the above text: The autonomy of the Elections Committee extends only to the operational conduct of elections. It does not extend to the interpretation of this Constitution, nor to the imposition of any eligibility condition, requirement, or reference date not expressly provided for in this Constitution. The Elections Committee shall in all matters remain answerable to the Council, which is the principal body of the Association under Clause 8(1). In any dispute as to the

	interpretation of this Constitution, the determination of the Council shall be final and conclusive.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) Dr Timothy addressed the Council representatives elected from the various states and stated that the Council represented the highest governing body within the Association. He expressed the view that every provision, policy and decision of the Association should ultimately be answerable to the full Council, regardless of the committee responsible for the matter.

(b) He questioned the appropriateness of having any committee, whether the Ethics Committee, ASH Committee or any other committee, operate autonomously or in a manner that placed it above the Council. He proposed that committees could remain autonomous in preparing their respective terms of reference and managing their operational matters, but that their interpretation of the Constitution, eligibility requirements, references and other substantive matters should remain subject to the Constitution.

(c) He specifically referred to Clause 8, which provides that the Council is the highest governing body of the Association. He stated that the proposed amendment was intended to ensure that the Council's authority was preserved and that, in matters involving the interpretation of the Constitution, the Council's decision would be final.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka)

i. Dr Ashok sought clarification from Dr Timothy regarding the intended effect of the amendment. He referred to the provision under which the Elections Committee was responsible for establishing guidelines and conducting elections, and asked whether the proposed amendment was intended to alter that responsibility.

ii. Dr Ashok noted that, while the Elections Committee might be responsible for conducting elections and preparing the relevant guidelines, all MMA committees were ultimately subordinate to the Council, and the Council itself was subordinate to the general body. He therefore questioned whether the proposed amendment was necessary.

(b) Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

i. In response, Dr Timothy stated that his principal concern was the use of the word "autonomous" specifically in relation to the Elections Committee, when similar wording was not used to describe other committees within the Association.

ii. He referred to previous decisions involving the disqualification of candidates, including an instance where disqualification had arisen in connection with the absence of a copy of an identity card or NRIC. He expressed the view that, if the Council had been able to intervene directly in such matters, it might have avoided the need for prolonged IDR processes and other procedures.

iii. Dr Timothy clarified that he did not intend to interfere with the Elections Committee's operational responsibilities, such as preparing the terms of reference, managing the conduct of elections, determining voting periods and making announcements. Rather, he intended the amendment to clarify that the Council should retain authority over the interpretation of the Constitution and substantive matters.

iv. He referred again to the final sentence of the proposed amendment, which provided that, in matters concerning the interpretation of the Constitution, the Council's decision would be final. He stated that this was intended to avoid a situation where the Elections Committee's autonomous status would be interpreted as requiring the Council to accept the Committee's interpretation without further recourse.

(c) Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)

i. Dr Liew Shan Fap expressed the view that the amendment was unnecessary. He stated that the Elections Committee should remain independent and should not be unduly influenced by the Council, as excessive Council influence could compromise the fairness and independence of elections.

ii. He acknowledged that the Elections Committee was appointed by the Council and had been entrusted with the responsibility of conducting elections autonomously. However, he considered that the proposed amendment might result in excessive influence being exercised over the Elections Committee and therefore did not support the amendment.

Voting and Outcome:
As there were no further opinions from the floor, Dr. S. Selvarajah (on behalf of CRRC) proceeded with the vote and proposed that, for the sake of time, the voting period be limited to one minute.

The voting results were as follows:
Accepted: 70 votes — 51.09%
Rejected: 67 votes — 48.91%

The House was informed that, although the votes in favour exceeded those against, the proposed amendment had not obtained the required two-thirds majority. Accordingly, **Proposed Amendment 3 was rejected.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4
(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) informed the House that he and the seconder wished to withdraw Proposed Amendment No. 4, as it was closely related to Proposed Amendment No. 3, which had been

rejected. He explained that the two amendments addressed the same subject matter, with Amendment 4 containing an additional sentence.

Accordingly, **Proposed Amendment 4 below was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4 --- [Accountability of the Elections Committee to Council]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(7) Elections Committee The Council shall, at its first meeting appoint an Elections Committee of five (5) members who are neither members of Council nor of Branch Committee for the purpose of conducting elections and to look into complaints regarding nominations, manifestos and elections of the principal office bearers and to make the necessary recommendations to Council. Council shall also appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst these five (5) members. The Elections Committee will be autonomous and be responsible for preparing the terms of reference for conduct of the elections.	**(7) Elections Committee** … Insert **New Clause 7(7A)** after the existing text: The Elections Committee shall exercise its functions independently in the operational conduct of elections, but shall remain accountable to the Council in accordance with Clause 7(7). The Committee shall submit a formal written report on the conduct of each election – including procedures followed, all nominations received and their disposition, results, and any disputes – to the Council within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5

(Remarks: Rejected by the House)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5 --- [Formal Right of Appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(7) Elections Committee The Council shall, at its first meeting appoint an Elections Committee of five (5) members who are neither members of Council nor of Branch Committee for the purpose of conducting elections and to look into complaints regarding nominations, manifestos and elections of the principal office bearers and to make the necessary recommendations to Council. Council shall also appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst these five (5) members. The Elections Committee will be autonomous and be responsible for preparing the terms of reference for conduct of the elections.	**(7) Elections Committee** … Insert **New Clause 7(7B):** Any candidate whose nomination has been rejected by the Elections Committee shall have the right to appeal to an independent Appeals Panel appointed by the Council. The appeal shall be submitted in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of the written notification of rejection. The Appeals Panel shall comprise three (3) members appointed by the Council before the commencement of the election cycle, who are not members of the Council, not members of the Elections Committee, and have no conflict of interest in the outcome. The Appeals Panel shall determine the appeal within seven (7) days of receipt, afford the candidate the opportunity to make written representations, and issue a written decision setting out findings of fact, reasons, and any corrective measures. The Council shall be notified of all Appeals Panel decisions. No member of the Elections Committee shall participate in or represent before the Appeals Panel.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) Dr Timothy explained that the proposal was intended to provide a recourse mechanism where an application was rejected by the Elections Committee, by establishing an independent Appeals Panel to hear and determine such disputes.

(b) He acknowledged that, under the existing arrangements, it could be argued that there was already recourse to the Council in relation to disputes. However, he stated that, in view of the circumstances that had arisen during the current year, he considered it appropriate to provide for a separate and independent panel to deal specifically with such election-related disputes.

(c) He clarified that the proposed Appeals Panel was different from the Election Review Panel proposed under Amendment No. 1. He stated that the proposed Appeals Panel would remain within the Association and under the purview of the Council, rather than being a body positioned above the Association with recourse only to the Registrar of Societies (ROS).

Discussion by the Members:

(a) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)/ Chairman of the Constitution Review and Resolutions Committee (CRRC) 2025/2026

i. Dr Mohamed Namazie informed the House that the CRRC had considered the proposed amendment and identified a significant flaw in the final sentence of the proposed new clause, which stated:

"No member of the Elections Committee shall participate in or represent before the Appeals Panel."

ii. In the CRRC's view, the provision was problematic because the Chairman of the Elections Committee, or a representative of the Chairman, should be able to present and explain the reasons for the Committee's decision concerning the acceptance or rejection of a nomination.

iii. Dr Mohamed Namazie stated that the Appeals Panel would be reviewing a decision made by the Elections Committee. If the Elections Committee were not permitted to explain or justify its decision, the Appeals Panel would hear only one side of the matter. He explained that the proper process should allow the appellant to present the appeal and grounds for the appeal, while the Chairman of the Elections Committee should present the Committee's reasons for its decision, following which the Appeals Panel could consider both sides.

iv. He therefore stated that preventing the Elections Committee from presenting its case would result in an unfair and one-sided process and would be fundamentally biased against the Elections Committee. The CRRC accordingly recommended that the amendment be rejected or substantially revised to allow the Elections Committee to be heard.

(b) Modification Proposed by Dr Timothy Cheng (Proposer)

i. In response to the CRRC's concern, Dr Timothy proposed that the wording for the final sentence be amended as follows:

"No member of the Elections Committee shall participate in the Appeals Panel."

ii. He clarified that the intention was not to prevent the Elections Committee from presenting or explaining its decision before the Appeals Panel. Rather, no member of the Elections Committee should be a member of or participate in the Appeals Panel itself.

iii. Dr Timothy explained that "participate" was intended to mean serving as a member of the Appeals Panel, while the Elections Committee would still be able to present its case before the Panel. He further clarified that candidates involved in the election would likewise not form part of the Appeals Panel. He stated that the Appeals Panel would comprise three independent members and that the intention was to ensure that there was no conflict of interest in determining the outcome of an appeal.

(c) Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka)

i. Dr. Ashok sought clarification as to how the proposed Appeals Panel would differ from the existing Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) process, noting that the IDR was also appointed by the Council, heard complaints and made decisions.

ii. Following Dr. Ashok's query, Dr Mohamed Namazie further asked how the proposed Appeals Panel differed from the independent Election Review Panel proposed under Proposed Amendment No. 1, which had already been rejected.

iii. Dr. Timothy explained that the Election Review Panel under Amendment No. 1 was intended to be positioned above the Association, with recourse only to the Registrar of Societies (ROS). In contrast, he stated that the Appeals Panel proposed under Amendment No. 5 would remain within and under the purview of the Council and the Association. He therefore considered the two mechanisms to be substantially different.

(d) Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo IWPKL)/ the Immediate Past President (IPP) 2026/2027

i. The IPP (2026/2027) appealed to the House to reject the proposed amendment. He considered the provision to be technically detailed and expressed the view that it would be preferable for the matter to be reviewed more thoroughly to ensure that it did not contradict other provisions of the Constitution.

ii. He suggested that the Council could consider the matter in the future.

(e) Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)

i. Dr Liew Shan Fap expressed the view that the proposed amendment was unnecessary, as the Elections Committee was already sufficiently empowered to discharge its responsibilities.

ii. He also noted that, following the passage of Proposed Amendment No. 2, which increased the membership of the Elections Committee from five to seven members, other related provisions of the Constitution would need to be amended accordingly. He suggested that, where necessary, the relevant provisions could be amended together to reflect the change from five to seven members.

iii. However, in relation to Proposed Amendment 5, Dr Liew reiterated that he did not consider the additional Appeals Panel to be necessary.

Voting and Outcome

The amended version of the Proposed Amendment 5 was put to a vote, and the voting results were as follows:

Accepted: 42 votes — 31.82%
Rejected: 90 votes — 68.18%

As the proposed amendment did not obtain the required two-thirds majority, **Proposed Amendment 5** (amended version) **was rejected.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) informed the House that, in the interest of time, he and the seconder, Dr Thum Chern Choong, had agreed to withdraw the proposed amendment. Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 6 was withdrawn and was not put to a vote.**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6 --- [Mandatory Recusal of Candidates from Electoral Administration] Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(7) Elections Committee The Council shall, at its first meeting appoint an Elections Committee of five (5) members who are neither members of Council nor of Branch Committee for the purpose of conducting elections and to look into complaints regarding nominations, manifestos and elections of the principal office bearers and to make the necessary recommendations to Council. Council shall also appoint a Chairman and a Secretary from amongst these five (5) members. The Elections Committee will be autonomous and be responsible for preparing the terms of reference for conduct of the elections.	**(7) Elections Committee** … Insert **New Clause 7(7C):**

	No person who has submitted or accepted a nomination for any elective post shall participate in, deliberate on, or in any way influence any decision of the Elections Committee, the Appeals Panel, the Executive Committee, or the Council relating to the eligibility, qualification, complaint, or appeal of any other candidate for the same post. This obligation applies to all office bearers of the Association including the Honorary General Secretary. Any person found to be in breach of this clause shall be disqualified from the election for the post concerned.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 7

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 7 --- [Adequate Voting Period]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(8) Elections (i) The election for the post of the: (a) President-Elect (b) Honorary General Secretary (c) Honorary General Treasurer (d) Two (2) Honorary Deputy Secretaries of the Association shall be carried out before the Annual General Meeting and all members in the Electoral Roll shall be eligible to vote electronically. (ii) The Branches of the Association shall be grouped into 4 regions as follows for the purpose of electing the President-Elect: (a) Northern Region - Kedah, Perlis, Penang and Perak (b) Central Region - Wilayah Persekutuan and Selangor (c) Southern Region - Johor, Melaka and Negeri Sembilan (d) Eastern Region - Kelantan, Pahang, Terengganu, Sabah and Sarawak	**(8) Elections** (i) (No change) (ii) (No change) Insert **New Clause 7(8)(iii):** (iii) Voting shall remain open for a continuous period of not less than seventy-two (72) hours, which shall include at least one non-working day. The voting period, including its opening and closing dates and times, shall

	be published in the election announcement and communicated to all members on the Electoral Roll. No voting period shall be set so as to deny any member a reasonable opportunity to cast their vote.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) Dr Timothy explained that the voting period for elections had previously been four (4) hours and had been extended to approximately eight (8) to nine (9) hours for the current election. He welcomed the extension but proposed that the voting period be further extended to seventy-two (72) hours.

(b) He noted that doctors had demanding clinical commitments and might be unable to vote within a shorter voting period, for example, if they were engaged in an operation or other clinical duties when voting closed. He emphasised that members should not be inadvertently deprived of their right to vote due to such circumstances. He further noted that, as MMA did not provide for postal voting, there was no particular concern in keeping the voting period open for a longer duration. He described the proposal as a straightforward measure to facilitate members' participation in elections.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)/ Chairman of the Constitution Review and Resolutions Committee (CRRC) 2025/2026

i. Dr. Mohamed Namazie informed the CRRC had deliberated on the proposal. The CRRC's view was that the duration of the voting period should not be prescribed in the Constitution but should instead be provided for in the Terms of Reference or Standard Operating Procedure of the Elections Committee. This would allow the voting period to be adjusted in future, where necessary, without requiring a constitutional amendment. The CRRC therefore recommended that the proposed provision not be incorporated into the Constitution.

ii. In view of the CRRC's recommendation, Dr Timothy Cheng subsequently indicated that, with the concurrence of the seconder, he wished to withdraw the proposed amendment.

Accordingly, **Proposed Amendment 7 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 8

(Remarks: Rejected by the House)

Prof Dr Jayakumar Gurusamy (Melaka) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 8 Proposer: Dr Ravindran R Naidu

Seconder: Prof Dr Jayakumar Gurusamy
(On behalf of the MMA Elections Committee)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) Nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer shall be open to all Life Members of five (5) years standing, including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council for at least two (2) years. (ii) Nominations for the post of two Honorary Deputy Secretaries shall be open to all Life members of the Association of at least five (5) years standing including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council or Branch Committee/ Principal Office Bearers **(POB) for at least two (2) years.**	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) Nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer shall be open to all Life Members of five (5) years good standing continuously, including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council for ~~at least~~ not less than two (2) years on the closing date of the nomination of that year. (ii) Nominations for the post of two Honorary Deputy Secretaries shall be open to all Life members of the Association of at least five (5) years good standing continuously including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council or Branch Committee/ Principal Office Bearers (POB) for ~~at least~~ not less than two (2) years on the closing date of the nomination of that year.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) The proposed Constitutional amendment was intended to clarify the eligibility requirements for nomination to key office-bearer positions, namely President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary and Honorary General Treasurer.

(b) The reference to the closing date for nominations was intended to address the timing of elections, which were normally conducted approximately three (3) months before the commencement of the new term of office. Accordingly, a member might complete the required period of service only after the nomination date but before assuming office, and the amendment sought to clarify the applicable date for determining eligibility.

Amendment to the Proposed Wording:

(a) **Dr. Mohamed Namazie (Selangor)** proposed that the requirement of "two years" be amended to "two terms" in the relevant provisions under Clauses 7(10)(i) and 7(10)(ii), as the use of "two years" could give rise to ambiguity as to whether calendar years or completed terms were intended. The Proposer agreed with the proposed change.

(b) **Dr. Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)** suggested that the wording should specify "completed two terms" to remove any ambiguity. The Proposed agreed to the wording "completed two terms", noting that a member might otherwise not have completed the relevant term of service.

AMENDED VERSION

i. Nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer shall be open to all Life Members of five (5) years good standing continuously, including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council for at least not less than completed two (2) terms on the closing date of the nomination of that year.

ii. Nominations for the post of two Honorary Deputy Secretaries shall be open to all Life members of the Association of at least five (5) years good standing continuously including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council or Branch Committee/ Principal Office Bearers (POB) for at least not less than completed two (2) terms on the closing date of the nomination of that year.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)

i. Dr Timothy suggested that Proposed Amendment 8 be considered together with the subsequent amendments relating to the same eligibility provisions, as the proposals could have opposing effects. He stated that, should Amendment 8 be passed, he would withdraw the subsequent related amendments to avoid duplication and save the House's time.

ii. He further highlighted a potential practical consequence of determining eligibility based on the nomination date. By way of example, he stated that a member who had completed two terms would technically be eligible to assume a position but might not be eligible at the earlier nomination date if the second term had not yet been completed. He also pointed out that adopting a requirement of "completed two terms" could mean that a member who had just completed two terms would need to wait before becoming eligible for nomination, depending on the timing of the election. He presented these considerations for the House's consideration and decision.

(b) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mark Tan Kiak Min (Selangor)

i. Dr. Mark Tan raised a point of clarification concerning the series of subsequent amendments relating to the same eligibility provisions. He suggested that, while each constitutional amendment would still need to be voted on individually, it would be more efficient for the House to hear the various proposed changes to the relevant clause in totality before proceeding with individual votes, particularly where one amendment might render another redundant.

ii. Dr Timothy reiterated that, if Proposed Amendment 8 was passed, he would withdraw the other amendments relating to the same provision.

(c) Dr. Ashok Philip (Melaka)

i. Dr Ashok observed that there were two possible approaches to determining eligibility: at the time of nomination or at the time of assuming office. He noted that determining eligibility at the time of assuming office could create uncertainty during the interval between nomination

and assumption of office, as a candidate might become unable to fulfil the requirement due to circumstances such as illness or resignation.

ii. In his view, determining eligibility at the time of nomination provided greater certainty because the relevant requirement would already have been fulfilled.

(d) Dr. Long Tuan Mastazamin B Long Tuan Kechik (Kelantan)

i. Dr. Long Tuan questioned why multiple amendments had been proposed in respect of the same constitutional provisions. He suggested that, for future AGMs, the CRRC should engage with proposers before the AGM to reconcile competing proposals where possible, so that only one consolidated proposal for each clause would be brought before the House. He stated that this would reduce duplication and allow the House to consider constitutional amendments more efficiently.

ii. He also raised a concern regarding the phrase "good standing", noting that the term could be subjective unless its meaning and criteria were clearly defined. He asked how it would be determined whether a member was in continuous good standing and whether the term should be further clarified in the Constitution.

(e) Mejar (K) Dato' Dr. Hari Ram A/L Ramayya (Perlis)

i. He sought clarification on the requirement that candidates for the specified key office-bearer positions be Life Members. He asked whether an Ordinary Member who had not opted to become a Life Member would therefore be ineligible to stand for election and questioned the rationale for restricting eligibility to Life Members.

(f) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)/ Chairman of the Constitution Review and Resolutions Committee (CRRC) 2025/2026

i. He clarified that the requirement of "good standing" was already used in the Constitution and was therefore being retained. He explained that, in general, good standing referred to a member against whom no disciplinary action had been taken. He added that, if necessary, the meaning could be further clarified under Clause 21 on interpretation.

ii. With regard to the Life Membership requirement, there had previously been instances where an Ordinary Member was elected to office but subsequently became a member not in benefit due to failure to renew membership or pay the required subscription. He stated that the Life Membership requirement had been introduced to prevent such situations from resulting in a constitutional or governance difficulty and to encourage continuity of membership.

The House proceeded to vote, and the voting result was as follows:

VOTING RESULT:
Accepted: 92 votes — 64.79%
Rejected: 50 votes — 35.21%

As the proposal did not obtain the required two-thirds majority, **Proposed Amendment 8 was rejected.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 9

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 9 --- [Reference Point for Eligibility – Requirements Must Be Satisfied Before Assuming Office]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) Nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer shall be open to all Life Members of five (5) years standing, including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council for at least two (2) years. (ii) Nominations for the post of two Honorary Deputy Secretaries shall be open to all Life members of the Association of at least five (5) years standing including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council or Branch Committee/ Principal Office Bearers (POB) for at least two (2) years.	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** Amend Clause 7(10)(i) and (ii) to read: **(i)** Nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer shall be open to all Life Members of five (5) years standing, including the period as an Ordinary Member, and who shall have completed at least two (2) years of service on the Council before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the office bearer is declared and assumes office. **(ii)** Nominations for the post of two Honorary Deputy Secretaries shall be open to all Life Members of at least five (5) years standing including the period as an Ordinary Member, and who shall have completed at least two (2) years of service on the Council or Branch Committee/Principal Office Bearers (POB) before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the office bearer is declared and assumes office. For the avoidance of doubt, a candidate who will have satisfied all eligibility requirements by the date of the Annual General Meeting shall not be disqualified on the basis that those requirements were not yet fully satisfied at the date of nomination or the date of voting.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) The proposed amendment was intended to provide an alternative to Amendment 8 concerning the timing for determining eligibility based on the required period of service.

(b) The nomination date could vary and might occur several weeks or months before the commencement of the next term. Under the proposal, a candidate would be eligible for nomination provided that the required two (2) years of service would have been completed by the time the candidate entered the next office. The Proposer clarified that the proposal concerned eligibility to stand for election, rather than guaranteeing appointment or election to the position.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) Dr. Liew Boon Seng (Selangor) expressed the view that a person who had not yet attained the prescribed eligibility should not be permitted to make decisions or be considered eligible under the Constitution.

(b) Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (WPKL) urged members to reject the proposal, noting that the preceding Amendment 8 had already been rejected. He expressed the view that the earlier formulation was clearer and suggested that the Constitution be reviewed comprehensively rather than adopting provisions that could subsequently create difficulties.

(c) Dr Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak) similarly expressed reservations about the proposal and noted that the requirement to have "completed" the relevant period of service should be clear. He cautioned that allowing service to be counted towards a future date could create ambiguity, particularly where a person resigned or otherwise did not complete the term, and could result in future disputes.

(d) Following the discussion, the Proposer informed the House that, in view of the commitment to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constitution through the CRRC, he wished to withdraw Proposed Amendment 9.

(e) Dr Mohamed Namazie (Selangor) subsequently confirmed that the CRRC would consider this aspect as part of its comprehensive review.

Accordingly, **Proposed Amendment 9 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 10

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) explained that Proposed Amendment No. 10 sought to specify the information that should be included in an election announcement. He referred to the current year's election announcement, in which the date of voting had not been stated, and indicated that the amendment was intended to improve transparency and clarity for members.

(b) Dr Timothy acknowledged that the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee (CRRC) had indicated that such matters were primarily operational and would be more appropriately addressed through the Terms of Reference or procedures of the Elections Committee. In view of the proposed comprehensive review and the related resolution concerning the Elections Committee's Terms of Reference, he therefore withdrew the amendment, while requesting that the issue be taken into consideration.

(c) Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor) explained that a resolution concerning the Terms of Reference of the Elections Committee would be considered separately under the ordinary resolutions. He emphasised that excessive operational detail should not be incorporated into the Constitution, as subsequent changes to such details would require the more cumbersome constitutional amendment process. He added that the Terms of Reference of committees could be made available on the MMA website for members' information and transparency.

(d) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 10 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 10 --- [Election Announcement – Mandatory Detail]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (v) The Secretary of the Elections Committee shall make the necessary announcement through email, MMA website, or in the publication(s) of the MMA by January each year calling for nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and Two Honorary Deputy Secretaries. Nominations must be submitted on one prescribed nomination form for the particular year to the Secretary of the Elections Committee not less than eleven (11) weeks before the Annual General Meeting for that year. Candidates wishing to withdraw the nominations can do so within seven (7) days after the closing date of nominations. The tenure	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (v) The Secretary of the Elections Committee shall make the necessary announcement through email, MMA website, or in the publication(s) of the MMA by January each year calling for nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and Two Honorary Deputy Secretaries. Nominations must be submitted on one prescribed nomination form for the particular year to the Secretary of the Elections Committee not less than eleven (11) weeks before the Annual General Meeting for that year. Amend the above to require that the announcement clearly state:

of office held for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer, and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries, should not be more than five (5) years continuously.	(i) Nomination opening and closing dates; (ii) The full eligibility criteria for each post, and the date as at which eligibility will be assessed; (iii) The date, time, and duration of voting; (iv) The method of voting (electronic, physical, or otherwise); (v) The date by which the final list of candidates will be published; (vi) The procedure where nominations exceed or fall short of the number of vacancies; (vii) A contact point for queries relating to eligibility; and (viii) The process and timeline for any appeal against rejection of a nomination. Candidates wishing to withdraw the nominations can do so within seven (7) days after the closing date of nominations. The tenure of office held for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer, and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries, should not be more than five (5) years continuously.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 11

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) informed the House that Proposed Amendment 11 concerned the use of the terms "shall" and "should" in the Constitution. He indicated that the issue could appropriately be considered as part of the proposed comprehensive constitutional review or restructuring exercise.

(b) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 11 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 11 --- [Harmonisation of "Shall" and "Should" – Mandatory vs Directory Language]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (v) …. The tenure of office held for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (v) …. The tenure of office held for the post of Honorary General Secretary,

General Treasurer, and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries, should not be more than five (5) years continuously.	Honorary General Treasurer, and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries, shall not exceed five (5) consecutive years. A member who has served five (5) consecutive years in the same post shall not be eligible for nomination for that post for a period of one (1) full year following the expiry of that tenure.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 12

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) explained that Proposed Amendment 12 concerned references to undefined dates in the Constitution, particularly in relation to the requirement concerning the prescribed period of service. He indicated that the matter was related to the issues of "two years" versus "two terms" discussed under the preceding amendments.

(b) In view of the proposed comprehensive review of the Constitution, the following **Proposed Amendment 12 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 12 --- [Prohibition on Disqualification by Reference to an Undefined Date]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) Nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer shall be open to all Life Members of five (5) years standing, including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council for at least two (2) years. (ii) Nominations for the post of two Honorary Deputy Secretaries shall be open to all Life members of the Association of at least five (5) years standing including the period as an Ordinary Member and who shall have served in the Council or Branch Committee/ Principal Office Bearers (POB) for at least two (2) years. (iii) The President-Elect will be elected annually. The candidate shall be from each of the regions [Clause 7 (8)(ii)] in rotation, alternating with that from all regions. The President-Elect's post will alternate	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) – (xii) No change Insert New Clause 7(10)(xiii): (xiii) No candidate shall be disqualified by reference to a voting date or any other date where such date is not fixed by this Constitution or stated in the election announcement. Where this Constitution does not otherwise provide, eligibility shall be assessed by reference to the date of the Annual General Meeting at which office bearers are declared and assume office.

	yearly between the specified regions and All regions, starting with a candidate from the Northern Region, followed in sequence as follows from All Regions, the Southern Region, All Regions, the Eastern Region, All Regions, the Central Region, All Regions, the Northern Region and so on.	
(iv)	No member may offer himself as a candidate for more than one (1) of the following posts; President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and Honorary Deputy Secretary.	
(v)	The Secretary of the Elections Committee shall make the necessary announcement through email, MMA website, or in the publication(s) of the MMA by January each year calling for nominations for the post of President-Elect, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer and Two Honorary Deputy Secretaries. Nominations must be submitted on one prescribed nomination form for the particular year to the Secretary of the Elections Committee not less than eleven (11) weeks before the Annual General Meeting for that year. Candidates wishing to withdraw the nominations can do so within seven (7) days after the closing date of nominations. The tenure of office held for the post of Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer, and two Honorary Deputy Secretaries, should not be more than five (5) years continuously.	
(vi)	The Elections Committee shall send out all names received to every member whose name is on the Electoral Roll of the Association fourteen (14) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Association through email, MMA website, or in the publication(s) of the MMA. (a) The members eligible to vote shall consist of all Life Members, Exempt Members and Ordinary Members whose names appear in the Electoral Roll.	
(vii)	If there are fewer nominations received for any post than there are vacancies, the Elections Committee shall declare the nominees for that post elected. The Elections Committee shall also inform members on the Electoral Roll that nomination and election for the remaining vacancies will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting. The nomination and election process will take place under the supervision of the Elections Committee.	
(viii)	The official results of the election for the President- Elect, Honorary General Secretary; Honorary General Treasurer and the two Honorary Deputy Secretaries shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting by the Chairman or the member of the Elections Committee.	
(ix)	Should there be only one candidate for any post, that candidate shall be declared elected for the post for the ensuing year.	

(x) In the event of a tie, there shall be fresh voting for the post at the same Annual General Meeting. (xi) The Elections Committee with the approval of Council may make further rules necessary for the proper conduct of the elections. (xii) The Honorary General Secretary, Honorary General Treasurer, Honorary Deputy Secretaries and Internal Auditors shall only be allowed to serve a maximum of five (5) years in continuity in the same position.	

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 13 & 14

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) explained that Proposed Amendments 13 and 14 concerned transparency and integrity in the conduct of voting and vote counting.

(b) He noted that the relevant measures had already been implemented during the current year's election and that related provisions were also covered in the proposed resolution concerning the Terms of Reference of the Elections Committee. In view of these developments and the proposed review of the Constitution, he withdrew both amendments.

(c) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendments 13 and 14 were withdrawn** and were not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 13 --- [Transparency of Voting & Counting] Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) – (xii)...	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) – (xii) No change Insert New Clause 7(10)(xiv): (xiv) The process of voting and counting of votes, whether conducted electronically or physically, shall be carried out in a transparent manner. Candidates or their duly appointed representatives shall be entitled to observe the counting process. The

	Elections Committee shall certify the result in writing.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 14 --- [Electronic Voting Integrity]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) – (xii)...	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) – (xii) No change Insert New Clause 7(10)(xv): (xv) Electronic voting systems used in any election of the Association shall provide auditability, traceability, and voter verification mechanisms. All electronic voting systems shall be approved by the Council prior to use. An independent audit trail shall be maintained and made available for inspection upon request by any candidate.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 15

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) explained that Proposed Amendment 15 concerned administrative verification of candidates. He stated that the matter was closely related to the administration of elections and could appropriately be addressed through the Terms of Reference of the Elections Committee rather than through a constitutional provision.

(b) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 15 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 15 --- [Candidate Verification & Administrative Fairness]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) – (xii)...	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) – (xii) No change

	Insert New Clause 7(10)(xvi): (xvi) Where a candidate is a registered member listed in the Electoral Roll or Life Membership register of the Association, the Elections Committee shall utilise such records for the purpose of identity and eligibility verification. A nomination shall not be rejected solely on the basis of minor administrative omissions or technical errors, provided that the identity and eligibility of the candidate can be reasonably established from existing Association records.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 16, 17 & 18

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) explained that Proposed Amendments 16 and 17 concerned proportionality and eligibility deadlines, while Proposed Amendment 18 related to the publication of the final list of candidates.

(b) He indicated that these matters were interrelated with the other election-related amendments and expressed the hope that they would be taken into consideration during the proposed comprehensive constitutional review and at the first Council meeting of the new term.

(c) Dr Timothy Cheng therefore informed the House that he wished to withdraw Proposed Amendments 16, 17 and 18.

(d) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendments 16, 17 and 18 were withdrawn** and were not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 16 --- [Principle of Proportionality] Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) – (xii)...	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) – (xii) No change Insert New Clause 7(10)(xvii):

	(xvii) The Elections Committee shall act in a manner that is fair, reasonable, and proportionate. A nomination shall not be disqualified on purely technical or administrative grounds where no material breach of eligibility has occurred and where the candidate's identity and eligibility can be verified from existing Association records.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 17 --- [Mandatory Pre-Deadline Eligibility Verification and Written Notification]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) – (xii)...	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) – (xii) No change Insert New Clause 7(10)(xviii): (xviii) The Elections Committee shall complete verification of all nominations within two (2) working days of the close of the nomination period. Where the Committee identifies a potential ground for rejection, it shall notify the candidate in writing within that period, stating the specific concern and the constitutional provision relied upon, and shall afford the candidate three (3) working days to provide clarification before any final decision is made. Where a nomination is rejected, the Committee shall furnish the candidate in writing with (a) the specific ground(s) for rejection; (b) the precise constitutional provision(s) relied upon; and (c) the Committee's interpretation of those provisions as applied to the candidate. Notification of rejection shall be given no later than five (5) working days after the close of nominations. A rejection which does not comply with this requirement shall be of no effect.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 18 --- [Mandatory Publication of Final Candidate List Before Voting Opens]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 7 - DELEGATES MEETING	
(10) Eligibility for Nomination (i) – (xii)...	**(10) Eligibility for Nomination** (i) – (xii) No change Insert New Clause 7(10)(xix): (xix) The Elections Committee shall publish a final confirmed list of approved candidates no later than seven (7) days before the commencement of voting. The list shall include the name, post contested, and proposer and seconder for each candidate. No candidate shall be added to or removed from the list after publication except pursuant to a determination of the Appeals Panel under Clause 7(7B). Members shall be notified of the final list through official MMA communication channels simultaneously with its publication.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 19

(Remarks: Rejected by the House)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 19 --- [Enhanced Section Representation on Council]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 8 - CENTRAL COMMITTEE	
(2) Composition of Council (iii) **Section Representatives to Council.** Each Section, SCHOMOS and PPS shall be entitled to one representative each	**(2) Composition of Council** (iii) **Section Representatives to Council.** **Each Section of the Association, the Section Concerning House Officers,**

	on the Council. These office bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Section and declared at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.	**Medical Officers and Specialists (SCHOMOS) and the Private Practitioners Section of MMA (PPSMMA) shall each be entitled to two (2) representatives on the Council. All representatives shall have equal voting rights and shall be elected at their respective Annual General Meetings.**

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) Dr Timothy explained that the proposal sought to enhance representation of SCHOMOS and PPSMMA on Council. He noted that, under the existing arrangement, smaller State Branches were represented by one Council representative while larger State Branches were represented by two. Given the size and membership of SCHOMOS and PPSMMA, he proposed that both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of SCHOMOS and PPSMMA be represented on Council.

(b) Dr Timothy acknowledged that the proposal would have financial implications, as two additional representatives would be entitled to claim expenses for travel, accommodation and related Council activities. He also acknowledged that increasing the number of representatives could result in more voices and potentially more extensive discussion within Council.

(c) He explained that, while State Chairmen could speak on behalf of SCHOMOS and PPSMMA, State Chairmen generally focused on matters concerning their respective States. In his view, additional sectional representation would therefore provide greater opportunity for matters affecting SCHOMOS and PPSMMA to be directly raised and discussed at Council.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) **Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (WPKL)/ the Immediate Past President (IPP) 2026/2027**

i. He expressed the view that MMA should maintain a lean organisational structure rather than increase the number of Council members. He emphasised that, regardless of whether representatives came from State Branches, PPSMMA or SCHOMOS, they were all representing the medical profession and contributing to the governance of the Association.

ii. He stressed that the key consideration should be the productivity and effectiveness of Council rather than the number of persons represented on it. He drew an analogy with the public sector, noting that MMA had consistently advocated for leaner and more efficient organisations and should similarly seek to avoid unnecessary expansion of its own governing structure.

iii. He referred to a discussion he had had with MMA Past President Tan Sri Dato' Dr Abu Bakar Suleiman, who had raised the issue of the duration of the presidential term. The observation had been made that, based on experience, the level of productivity achieved during a one-year presidential term was comparable to that achieved during a two-year term. He used this

as an illustration that increasing the size or duration of a structure did not necessarily result in greater productivity.

iv. He therefore emphasised that the quality of representation was more important than the number of representatives. He urged SCHOMOS and PPSMMA, as well as the State Branches, to ensure that they nominated and sent capable and effective representatives to Council. He concluded by urging the House to reject the proposal on the basis that MMA should maintain a lean, productive and effective Council.

(b) Dr Arvindran A/L Alaga (Kedah)/ Honorary General Treasurer (HGT) 2026/2027

i. The HGT (2026/2027) referred to financial data presented earlier and noted that Council and Exco expenses had increased by 13%, from approximately RM415,000, while subcommittee meeting expenses had increased by 76%. He explained that adding two additional Council representatives would have financial implications beyond ordinary Council meetings, including meetings with external agencies and other MMA-related activities. He cited the example of MASEAN meetings, where representation could increase from nine to eleven persons, and noted the limited budget available for such activities.

ii. He further observed that sectional interests continued to be represented through existing Council and Exco members who had served in sectional leadership positions. He emphasised that the issue was therefore not solely one of representation, but also of maintaining a lean structure and ensuring effective and prudent use of MMA's financial resources.

The House proceeded to vote on Proposed Amendment 19.

VOTING RESULT:
Accepted: 39 votes — 28.26%
Rejected: 99 votes — 71.74%

Accordingly, **Proposed Amendment 19 was rejected.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 20

(Remarks: Rejected by the House)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 20 --- [Consultation with PPSMMA & SCHOMOS] **Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien** **Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong**	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 8 - CENTRAL COMMITTEE	
(3) Duties and Powers of the Council	**(3) Duties and Powers of the Council**

(i) The Council shall have power to appoint, pay and dismiss any staff employed by the Association. (ii) The Council shall recommend amendments to the Constitution for the consideration of the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under Clause 7 (1) (iii). (iii) The Council shall advise the Branches in matters of policy affecting the medical profession with view to promoting a common policy throughout all the Branches of the Association. (iv) The Council shall act on behalf of the Association in all matters whereon this Constitution does not expressly provide, such actions being subject to approval at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. (v) The Council shall at its first meeting during the year, allocate to each Branch, Section and Society in accordance with its requirements and budget, a sum of money for the expenses of the Branch, Section or Society during the year. (vi) The Council shall on any question of major importance decide whether a postal vote shall be taken to assess the opinion of the general body of members.	(i) – (vi): No change Add New Clause 8(3)(vii): (vii) Notwithstanding Clause 8(3)(iv), any matter, policy, programme, public statement, or decision primarily affecting a Section of the Association, including PPSMMA and SCHOMOS, shall first be referred to and discussed with the respective Section's Executive Committee prior to any decision, implementation, or public communication.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) Dr Timothy explained that the proposal sought to strengthen the role of SCHOMOS and PPSMMA by requiring that any policy, programme, public statement or other matter involving either section be discussed with the respective Section Executive Committee before any decision, implementation or public communication.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor)/ Chairman of the Constitution Review and Resolutions Committee (CRRC) 2025/2026

i. Referring to the CRRC's consideration of the proposal, he stated that while the principle of consultation was sound, the CRRC considered this to be a matter of good governance and practice rather than one requiring incorporation into the Constitution.

ii. He explained that Council and Exco should consult the relevant sections as a matter of proper governance, without prescribing every such operational practice in the Constitution.

(b) **Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (WPKL)/ the Immediate Past President (IPP) 2026/2027**

i. He reiterated his concern about placing detailed operational practices into the Constitution. He emphasised that the Constitution should provide a broad and durable framework for the Association rather than prescribe every practice or procedure that might be appropriate at a particular point in time.

ii. He observed that organisational circumstances, priorities and practices would inevitably change over the years and cautioned that provisions introduced to address present-day circumstances could become restrictive or create difficulties for future leaders. He therefore encouraged the House to take a long-term and forward-looking approach when considering constitutional provisions, particularly with regard to matters that could appropriately be dealt with through established practice, Council decisions or committee procedures.

iii. He stated that MMA had been in existence for more than six decades and that many consultation practices had developed and operated over the years without each practice necessarily being expressly prescribed in the Constitution. He cautioned that attempting to document every aspect of organisational practice could result in the Constitution becoming overly detailed and difficult to adapt as the Association evolved.

iv. He further emphasised that future generations of MMA leaders would need sufficient flexibility to respond to new circumstances and emerging issues. He therefore urged members not to “entangle” future leaders by incorporating excessive operational detail into the Constitution and encouraged the House to consider how MMA should function over the next 20, 30 or 40 years, rather than legislating for every current practice.

v. By way of illustration, he referred to a recent interaction with a 75-year-old doctor who was a prostate cancer survivor and who had suggested the establishment of a veterans' committee within MMA. He used the example to demonstrate that new needs and ideas could emerge over time which could not necessarily be anticipated when drafting the Constitution. He stressed that the Constitution should therefore remain sufficiently flexible to accommodate future developments.

vi. He concluded by urging the House to avoid micromanaging the Association through constitutional provisions and requested that the proposed amendment be rejected.

(c) During the discussion, Dr. Sukdershan Singh A/L Hazara Singh (Selangor) posted a comment in the online chat requesting that members from the floor be given an opportunity to speak rather than limiting discussion to those at the front. The President (2026/2027) confirmed that members from the floor had been permitted to participate throughout the proceedings and invited any further comments.

The House then proceeded to vote on Proposed Amendment 20.

VOTING RESULT:
Accepted: 47 votes — 33.57%
Rejected: 93 votes — 66.43%

As the proposal did not obtain the required two-thirds majority, **Proposed Amendment 20 was rejected.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 21
(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 21 --- [Dual Office Holding & Conflict of Interest]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 8 - CENTRAL COMMITTEE	
(1) Council (i) There shall be a Council of the Association which shall function as the principal body of the Association within the guidelines set out in the Constitution of the Association. (i) It shall be the duty of the Council members to collectively administer the affairs of the Association within the guidelines as set out in the Constitution of the Association, and policies approved by General Meetings of the Association. **(2)** Composition of Council (i) The Council shall consist of the following office-bearers and members: (a) President (b) President-Elect (c) Immediate Past President	8 (1) – (10): No change Add New Clause 8(11): Governance and Office Holding (11) Governance and Office Holding (i) No member shall concurrently hold more than one position on the MMA Council. Accordingly, a member of the MMA Executive Committee shall not simultaneously serve as a Council Member in any other capacity (for example, as Honorary Deputy Secretary and State Chairman concurrently, or as PPSMMA Chairman and Honorary General Treasurer concurrently).

(d) Honorary General Secretary (e) Honorary General Treasurer (f) Two (2) Honorary Deputy Secretaries who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. (ii) Branch Representatives to the Council. Each Branch shall be entitled to one (1) representative on the Council. In respect of additional representatives for a Branch, a Branch which has a membership exceeding 500 in number shall be entitled to elect an additional representative on Council. Such a Branch representative shall be elected at Branch Annual General Meetings. (iii) Section Representatives to Council. Each Section, SCHOMOS and PPS shall be entitled to one representative each on the Council. These office bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Section and declared at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. **(3)** Duties and Powers of the Council (i) The Council shall have power to appoint, pay and dismiss any staff employed by the Association. (ii) The Council shall recommend amendments to the Constitution for the consideration of the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under Clause 7 (1) (iii). (iii) The Council shall advise the Branches in matters of policy affecting the medical profession with view to promoting a common policy throughout all the Branches of the Association. (iv) The Council shall act on behalf of the Association in all matters whereon this Constitution does not expressly provide, such actions being subject to approval at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. (v) The Council shall at its first meeting during the year, allocate to each Branch, Section and Society in accordance with its requirements and budget, a sum of money for the expenses of the Branch, Section or Society during the year. (vi) The Council shall on any question of	(ii) No member shall concurrently hold a position in the Executive Committee of a Section (PPSMMA or SCHOMOS) and serve as a Principal Office Bearer at Branch level. (iii) Any member elected to positions which conflict under sub-clauses (1) or (2) shall resign one such position within fourteen (14) days of election, failing which the position later assumed shall be deemed vacated. (iv) The Council may, in exceptional circumstances, grant an exemption from this clause for a maximum of one (1) term. This clause promotes leadership development, broader participation, and succession planning.

major importance decide whether a postal vote shall be taken to assess the opinion of the general body of members.

(4) Council Meeting

(i) The Council shall meet at least four (4) times in a year preferably at quarterly intervals and shall make its own Rules of Procedure for its meetings, where there is no provision in the Constitution.

(ii) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council unless he is disabled by sickness, absence from Malaysia or other cause and in his absence by reason thereof the President-Elect or the Immediate Past President shall preside and in the absence of both the members present shall elect a Chairman to preside over that particular meeting.

(iii) One-half the total number of the Council members shall form a quorum at its meetings.

(iv) At least two (2) weeks before the date fixed for the Council Meeting, the Honorary General Secretary shall inform all members of Council in writing of the date, time and venue for the meeting. In the event of an emergency a shorter notice may be given by the Honorary General Secretary after approval by the President.

(5) Executive Committee

(i) The newly constituted Council shall meet immediately after the Annual General Meeting at which it is elected and shall appoint an Executive Committee of itself which shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Honorary General Secretary, the two (2) Honorary Deputy Secretaries, the Honorary General Treasurer, the Chairman of the Sections Concerning House Officers Medical Officers and Specialists (SCHOMOS), the Chairman of the Private Practitioners Section of MMA (PPSMMA).

(ii) The Executive Committee shall be in charge of the day-to-day affairs of the Association between the meetings of Council to carry out the mandate of the Council.

(iii) The Executive Committee shall not be competent to initiate or alter any policy decision of the Council except by way of a recommendation to the Council which may or may not be accepted by

the Council having regard to the guidelines set for it by the General Meeting.

(iv) Should any matter arise which is regarded by the Executive Committee as involving an urgent decision which the Council alone can competently decide it may refer the matter to an urgent meeting of the Council and may provide for any interim measures not involving any prior commitment of the Council. Members of the Council may also be consulted by letter or telephone or facsimile or email as deemed fit by the Executive Committee and confirmed in writing.

(v) The quorum for an Executive Committee Meeting shall be five (5) members.

(vi) The Notice for an Executive Committee Meeting shall be one (1) week before the meeting except in Extraordinary Meetings where a shorter notice may be given.

(6) Ethics Committee

(i) The newly constituted Council shall also at its first meeting appoint an Ethics
Committee which shall consist of:

(a) The Chairman of the Ethics Committee
(b) The Honorary General Secretary of the Association as the Secretary of the Ethics Committee;
(c) and seven (7) other members of the Association.

(ii) The Ethics Committee shall function within the framework of the Constitution of the Association and the Code of Ethics and the Rules of the Ethics Committee as approved by the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(iii) The Branch Committee may appoint Ethics Sub-Committees in each of the Branches of the Association and may delegate powers in accordance with any of the Rules of the Ethics Committee.

(7) Functions of the Ethics Committee

The functions of the Ethics Committee shall be:

(i) (a) To implement the Ethics Code and Rules of the Ethics Committee and to publicise and explain the Ethics Code to members of the profession and bring amendments to the Code

for ratification at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. (b) To act as an advisory body to the medical profession on all ethics matters. (c) To act as a conciliatory body, between members of the Association, and between members and non-members who may be in dispute over ethical matters. (d) In accordance with Clause 3 (1) (i) of this Constitution to educate members of the profession, to maintain the honour and interest of the profession, and to report to the Malaysian Medical Council all cases which come to its knowledge, of allegations of infamous conduct in a professional respect, for investigation by the Malaysian Medical Council whether the doctor or doctors involved are members of the Association or not. (ii) The Ethics Committee is empowered to investigate, judge and take such action as it deems fit on any complaint about breach of ethics by any registered member of the Association. (iii) Other functions of the Ethics Committee shall be as the prescribed Rules of the Ethics Committee. **(8)** Other Committees (i) The Council shall have powers to appoint other Committees and shall decide their Terms of Reference. (ii) The quorum for meetings of MMA Committees for which adequate notice has been given should not be less than half the number of members comprising the Committee. (iii) The Notice for all Committee meetings shall be one (1) week before the meeting. (iv) The Terms of Reference of special groups of MMA shall be as follows: (see Clause 24 to Clause 26) (v) Clause 24 - Private Practitioners Section of MMA (PPSMMA). (vi) Clause 25 - Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialists (SCHOMOS).	

(vii) Clause 26 - Terms of Reference of Societies within MMA.

(9) Vacancies: General Provisions

The Council or the Executive Committee subject to the ratification of the Council at its next succeeding meeting may fill vacancies in the Council and Committees of Council which are permanent. No decisions of the Council or Committees recorded or taken without the vacancy being filled shall be in valid solely for the reason that the Council or that Committee of Council for the time being was not fully constituted in accordance with these Rules.

(10) Vacancies in Council

In the event of a vacancy amongst any of the following officers of Council:

(i) President
The President-Elect shall take over as Acting President for the remaining Term of Office. He shall be installed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting by the Immediate Past President. If the Immediate Past President is not available, he shall be installed by a Past President appointed by Council.

(ii) Immediate Past President
The position shall remain vacant.

(iii) President-Elect

(a) The Honorary General Secretary shall, with the consent of the Executive Committee of the Association, inform the Elections Committee of the vacancy immediately and direct the Elections Committee to carry out an online election for the post of President Elect from the same region [see Clause 7(8)(ii)].

(b) The Elections Committee shall publish the vacancy and call for new nominations for the post of President Elect within seven (7) days of being informed of the vacancy.

(c) The online election shall be held within eight (8) weeks after the publication of the vacancy.

(d) The nomination of candidates shall close three (3) weeks before the date of election and the names of candidates circulated to the members of the Association in the Electoral Roll within seven (7) days of closure of the nomination.

In the event the vacancy falls within three (3) calendar months of the next Annual General Meeting, a new President from the region concerned [Clause7 (8)(ii)] shall be elected at the election of office bearers for the ensuing year. (iv) Honorary General Secretary An Honorary Deputy Secretary shall be appointed by Council to act as Honorary General Secretary for the remaining Term of Office. (v) Honorary General Treasurer Council shall nominate one (1) of its officers to act for the remaining Term of Office. (vi) Honorary Deputy Secretary Council shall nominate one (1) of its members to act for the remaining Term of Office.	

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) Dr Timothy explained that the proposal sought to discourage members from holding two positions concurrently within MMA's leadership structures. He explained that the proposal was intended to address instances where a member serving on the main Executive Committee (Exco) or the SCHOMOS Executive Committee might simultaneously hold a representative position within a SCHOMOS State structure.

(b) Dr Timothy clarified that the intention was not primarily to address conflict of interest, as he did not envisage situations where such dual representation would necessarily result in decisions involving the allocation of funds to a particular State. Rather, the proposal was intended to encourage the development of a broader pool of leaders by allowing other members to take on leadership and representative responsibilities.

(c) He stated that, under the proposal, a member serving on the main Exco or SCHOMOS Exco should not concurrently hold a SCHOMOS State representative position, while recognising that exceptional circumstances might require some flexibility.

Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee (CRRC)'s opinion:

(a) Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor) informed the House that the CRRC had considered the proposal and agreed with the principle that the concurrent holding of two offices should, as far as practicable, be discouraged.

(b) The CRRC noted, however, that the proposed provision contained an exemption allowing Council, in exceptional circumstances, to grant an exemption from the restriction for a maximum period

of one term. This provided the necessary flexibility for exceptional circumstances while maintaining the general principle against dual office-holding.

The House proceeded to vote on Proposed Amendment No. 21.

VOTING RESULT:
Accepted: 103 votes — 74.00%
Rejected: 33 votes — 24.26%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 21 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 22
(Remarks: Passed by the House)

A/Prof Dr Mark Tan Kiak Min (Selangor) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 22 --- [Administrative Amendment] **Proposer: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mark Tan Kiak Min** **Seconder: Prof. Dr. Thiyagar Nadarajaw** ***(On behalf of the Ethics Committee)***	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 8 - CENTRAL COMMITTEE	
(6) Ethics Committee (i) The newly constituted Council shall also at its first meeting appoint an Ethics Committee which shall consist of: (a) The Chairman of the Ethics Committee (b) The Honorary General Secretary of the Association as the Secretary of the Ethics Committee; (c) and seven (7) other members of the Association.	**(6) Ethics Committee** (i) The newly constituted Council shall also at its first meeting appoint an Ethics Committee which shall consist of: (a) The Chairman of the Ethics Committee (b) The Honorary General Secretary of the Association as the Secretary of the Ethics Committee; (c) and ~~seven (7)~~ eleven (11) other members of the Association.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) The proposed amendment was primarily administrative in nature. The Ethics Committee was one of the MMA committees whose composition was expressly prescribed in the Constitution, with the number of members currently limited to seven (7). In contrast, the composition of most other MMA committees was not specifically prescribed in the Constitution.

(b) A/Prof Dr Mark Tan explained that the Ethics Committee had experienced increased activities and queries over the preceding years, resulting in a greater workload. The Committee therefore

proposed increasing its membership to provide additional manpower and capacity to undertake its responsibilities. He noted that, as the composition of the Committee was prescribed in the Constitution, the proposed increase required approval by the AGM.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) **Dr Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor)** informed the House that the CRRC had considered the proposal and had raised two matters for consideration, namely the financial implications of increasing the Committee's membership and whether a larger Committee might make it more difficult to achieve a quorum at its meetings.

(b) **The HGT 2026/2027, Dr Arvindran A/L Alaga (Kedah)** stated that increasing the Committee from seven (7) to eleven (11) members would inevitably result in additional expenditure, potentially increasing the relevant costs by approximately one-third. He noted that the financial implications should be considered in the context of the increasing costs associated with other committees and Council activities. He referred to the earlier increase in the size of the Elections Committee from five (5) to seven (7) members and the corresponding additional expenditure. He further noted that the overall expenditure on subcommittee activities had increased by approximately 76% compared with the preceding term and that the Ethics Committee's budget had also increased during the current term.

(c) **Dr Liew Boon Seng (Selangor)** observed that the report appeared to record only three (3) cases and that there had not been a significant increase in the number of cases over the years. He therefore questioned whether the increase in the number of Committee members was necessary on the basis of the cases handled

(d) **Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (WPKL)** stated that he was speaking in his capacity as a member of MMA and not in his capacity as a member of Exco or as Immediate Past President. He expressed strong support for the proposed increase in the membership of the Ethics Committee. Drawing on his experience as an ex-officio member of the Ethics Committee for five (5) years, he explained that the Committee required broader representation because ethical matters involved various medical specialties and could require consideration from different professional perspectives. He noted that limiting the Committee to seven (7) members could restrict the Chairman's ability to obtain sufficient representation across the different specialties. He therefore urged the House to support the proposal. While acknowledging that there would be financial implications, he emphasised that the Ethics Committee was a fundamental component of MMA as a professional body. He characterised the additional expenditure as an investment in the Association's ethical governance rather than merely an expense.

(e) The Proposer responded that the number of cases handled should not be the sole basis for assessing the Committee's workload. He explained that cases were discussed during Committee meetings, but that the Committee's responsibilities extended beyond case management to various other activities requiring additional manpower. He further explained that some Ethics Committee meetings were conducted online, thereby limiting additional expenditure primarily to meeting allowances. He emphasised that the principal reason for seeking additional members

was the breadth of the Committee's activities and the need for diverse perspectives. In particular, he stated that ethical matters benefited from participation by members from different medical specialties and different parts of Malaysia so that issues could be considered in a comprehensive and holistic manner.

(f) **Dr Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)** expressed support for strengthening the Ethics Committee, noting the importance of ethics-related matters and the need for broader membership. However, he proposed that the wording of the amendment be revised from requiring the Committee to consist of eleven (11) members to providing for "up to eleven (11) members." He explained that this would provide flexibility for the Committee to operate with fewer than eleven members, where appropriate, without creating a constitutional requirement that the full number must always be appointed.

(g) The Proposer agreed with the proposed wording and confirmed that the Ethics Committee would accept the amendment to provide for "up to eleven (11) members."

AMENDED VERSION
Clause 8(6)(i)
(c) and up to eleven (11) other members of the Association.

(h) **The President (2026/2027)** expressed support for increasing the membership of the Ethics Committee and enquired whether the proposed increase would create any difficulty in achieving a quorum. A/Prof Dr Mark Tan clarified that the Committee did not have a fixed quorum and that the quorum was generally treated as half of the Committee's membership. He therefore considered that a Committee of up to eleven (11) members would not pose a significant difficulty in achieving a quorum.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 122 votes — 84.14%
Rejected: 23 votes — 15.86%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 22, as amended, was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 23 & 24
(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) informed the House that Proposed Amendments 23 and 24, relating to the strengthening of the roles of the President and Honorary General Secretary (HGS), respectively, would be considered together.

(b) He further informed the House that, following his discussion with Dr. Sivanaesan A/L Letchuman (Selangor), the President 2026/2027, he was satisfied with the existing arrangements and reassurance given by the President and therefore agreed to withdraw both amendments.

(c) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendments 23 and 24 were withdrawn and** were not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 23 --- [Strengthening the Role of the President]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 9 - DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS	
(2) The President **(i)** The President shall take the Chair at all General Meetings of the Association and all meetings of the Council. **(ii)** The President shall have the right to call meetings of the Council. **(iii)** The President shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as member. **(iv)** The President shall have the authority to propose to vary the sequence of the items on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting with the approval of the House.	(2) The Presiden (i) – (iv): *No change* *Add new sub-clauses 9(2)(v)–(vii):* (v) The President shall be kept informed of all official correspondence of the Association. (vi) All official positions and statements made on behalf of the Association shall require the knowledge and approval of the President. (vii) The President shall be actively involved in all Council and Executive Committee decision-making processes.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 24 --- [Alignment of HGS Correspondence Role]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 9 - DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS	
(5) The Honorary General Secretary **(i)** (a) The Honorary General Secretary shall be	(5) The Honorary General Secretary (i) (a) No change

the Chief Executive Officer of the Association. (b) He shall together with the staff of the Association take action on all decisions of the General Meetings, the Council and Executive Committee. (c) He shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Association with Branches, Sections, Societies and with members, and in consultation with the Executive Committee or Council for all external correspondence of the Association. (d) He shall together with the staff of the Association, keep a computerised Register of all members, and of all Branches of the Association for inspection by the Registrar of Societies.	(b) No change (c) He shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Association with Branches, Sections, Societies ~~and with members, and in consultation with the Executive Committee or Council for all external correspondence of the Association.~~ and members, and in consultation with the Executive Committee or Council for all external correspondence of the Association. Such correspondence shall be undertaken with the knowledge of the President, and where representing official policy positions of the Association, with the approval of the President. (d) No change

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 25

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 25 --- [Dual Authorisation and Conflict of Interest in Expenditure] **Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien** **Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong**	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 10 - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS	
(3) (i) The Honorary General Treasurer and/or the Honorary General Secretary are authorised to approve every item of expenditure below and up to RM5,000.00. (ii) The Executive Committee shall approve every item of expenditure above RM5,000.00 to RM25,000.00. (iii) The Council shall authorise and approve every item of expenditure above RM25,000.00 and below RM500,000.00 from the funds of the Association.	**(3)** (i) ~~The Honorary General Treasurer and/or the Honorary General Secretary are authorised to approve every item of expenditure below and up to RM5,000.00~~. Any expenditure below and up to RM5,000.00 shall require the approval of any two (2) of the following office bearers: (a) the President; (b) the Honorary General Treasurer; or (c) the Honorary General Secretary. No single office bearer shall have sole authority to approve expenditure on behalf of the

(iv) A General Meeting shall approve by a two-third (2/3) majority, every item of expenditure above RM500,000.00.	Association. (ii) The Executive Committee shall approve every item of expenditure above RM5,000.00 to RM25,000.00. (iii) The Council shall authorise and approve every item of expenditure above RM25,000.00 and below RM500,000.00 from the funds of the Association. (iv) A General Meeting shall approve by a two-third (2/3) majority, every item of expenditure above RM500,000.00. Insert New Clause 10(3)(v): (v) No office bearer shall approve any expenditure, reimbursement, allowance, claim, honorarium, or payment in which he or she is the direct or indirect beneficiary. Any such expenditure shall be approved by the remaining authorised office bearers or, where appropriate, by the Executive Committee. The office bearer concerned shall declare the conflict of interest and abstain entirely from the approval process. Any approval granted in breach of this clause shall be void.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) The amendment sought to clarify the approval process for expenditure of RM5,000 and below. The Proposer noted that, while matters generally required approval by the Exco or Council, the existing constitutional wording i.e., "and/or" appeared to permit a single authorised office bearer to approve expenditure below RM5,000.

(b) Such approval should require any two authorised office bearers, including the President, Honorary General Secretary (HGS) or Honorary General Treasurer (HGT), in order to strengthen internal controls and ensure that the constitutional provision was consistent with the Association's banking practices.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) **Dr. Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor)** informed the House that the CRRC had considered the issue and noted that requiring two signatures was already the standard practice for MMA's banking transactions. He therefore invited clarification from the HGT as to whether the amendment was necessary.

(b) The Proposer clarified that his concern related to the distinction between the person approving the expenditure and the subsequent banking signatory. He explained that the proposed amendment was intended to address the authority to approve expenditure, rather than merely the requirement for signatures on banking transactions.

(c) Dr Mohamed Namazie explained that, in practice, the second signatory would scrutinise the relevant vouchers and supporting documents and could raise questions regarding the expenditure before authorising the transaction.

(d) **Dr Liew Shan Fap (Sarawak)** suggested that the House should distinguish between administrative approval authority and banking authorisation. He observed that, for administrative purposes, an authorised individual should be able to approve expenditure of RM5,000 and below, such as instructing a manager to make a purchase. However, when the transaction was processed through the bank, the existing practice of requiring two authorised signatories would continue to apply. He therefore considered that the proposed constitutional amendment was unnecessary.

(e) The President (2026/2027) confirmed that, notwithstanding the existing constitutional wording, MMA's practice was already to require two signatures for payments, including payments of less than RM5,000.

(f) The Proposer stated that, in view of the CRRC's position and the clarification that the existing practice already provided for two signatures for payments, he agreed to withdraw the amendment.

Accordingly, **Proposed Amendment 25 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

For your attention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 26

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 26 --- [To define "Public Medical Service" in the interpretation]

Proposer: Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim
Seconder: Dr Gabriel Tang Pei Yung
(On behalf of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 21 - INTERPRETATION	
(1) The following words and expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say: (i) – (xxxviii)	(1) The following words and expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say: (i) – (xxxii): No change Insert definition of "Public Medical Service" under Clause 21(1) (xxxiii) "Public Medical Service" means employment as a registered medical practitioner by the Federal Government, a State Government, the Malaysian Armed Forces, a

	statutory body or a public university, in a clinical, public health, medical education, medical training, medical administration or healthcare regulatory capacity, and includes such other government medical appointments as are substantially similar and may be approved by the Council. Consequential renumbering of the existing subclauses: (xxxiv) "Section" refers to either PPSMMA as defined in Clause 24 or SCHOMOS as defined in Clause 25; (xxxv) "Society" means societies within the Association as defined in Clause 26; (xxxvi) "National Working Committee" or "NWC" means the NWC of any of the Sections as defined in Clause 24 and Clause 25; and (xxxvii) "Administration" means the MMA Exco, Council, Committee, Sub-Committee or any other body lawfully constituted by the Association. (xxxviii) "Electoral Roll" means a Register of Ordinary Members who have paid the annual subscription before February 28, Life members and Exempt Members. (xxxix) "Members in benefit" means all members in the Electoral Roll and all the Ordinary members who have paid the annual subscription after February 28 and before December 31 of that year.

Rationale of the proposed amendment:

(a) The Proposer explained that the amendment had been proposed by the CRRC to clarify the meaning of "public sector" in relation to SCHOMOS. He noted that the term "public sector" could potentially encompass employment in any area of the public service, whereas SCHOMOS was established to represent doctors working within the public medical service.

(b) The proposed amendment would be inserted under Clause 21(1) as a new subclause, together with the consequential renumbering of the existing subclauses.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) **Dr. Loke Xi-Mun (Kelantan)** sought clarification as to whether the amendment would exclude doctors who were not employed by a public institution, including those working in other government ministries or public institutions, from participating in SCHOMOS or MMA activities. She expressed concern that the proposed definition could restrict the eligibility of certain doctors to participate in the Association's activities. He further suggested that, if the definition were adopted for SCHOMOS, a corresponding amendment should also be considered for PPS to ensure consistency.

(b) The Proposer clarified that the amendment was intended to define the scope of "public medical service" for the purposes of SCHOMOS, whose existing terms of reference referred to doctors working in the "public sector." He explained that the proposed definition was intended to cover not only clinical service but also public health, medical education, medical training, medical administration and healthcare regulatory functions. This would include registered medical practitioners employed by bodies such as the Ministry of Health and the Malaysian Medical Council, even where their duties were not clinical in nature. He further explained that there was previously no definition of "public sector" under Clause 21. The definition was therefore proposed because, under Clause 25, the original terms of reference for SCHOMOS referred to doctors working in the "public sector," and the CRRC was proposing to replace the term "public sector" with "public medical service."

(c) Dr Loke Xi-Mun further sought clarification as to whether employment in a non-clinical setting would be covered. The Proposer confirmed that the proposed definition expressly included medical education, medical training, medical administration and healthcare regulatory functions.

(d) **Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)** raised further concern regarding members who might subsequently be employed by a government ministry in a non-medical capacity. He queried whether a registered medical practitioner employed, for example, by the Ministry of Youth and Sports would remain appropriately represented within MMA if the proposed definition were adopted, particularly if the individual did not fall within SCHOMOS or PPS.

(e) Dr Mohamed Namazie clarified that such an individual would remain a member of MMA but, if not employed within the defined public medical service, would fall under PPS. He acknowledged, however, that this raised a potential issue concerning the appropriate categorisation of members and that the CRRC recognised the need for further consideration.

(f) In view of the concerns raised and the need to review the matter as part of the proposed comprehensive revision of the Constitution, the Proposer informed the House that he wished to withdraw Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 26 for further deliberation at a later stage.

Accordingly, **Proposed Amendment 26 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 27

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr Ravindran R Naidu (Perak) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 27 --- [To revise the definition of "Electoral Roll]

Proposed by: Dr Ravindran R Naidu
Seconded by: Prof Dr Jayakumar Gurusamy
(On behalf of the MMA Elections Committee)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 21 - INTERPRETATION	
(1) The following words and expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say: (xxxvii) "Electoral Roll" means a Register of Ordinary Members who have paid the annual subscription before February 28, Life members and Exempt Members.	(1) The following words and expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say: (xxxvii) "Electoral Roll" means a Register of (c) Ordinary Members who have paid the annual subscription **on or before February 28** (d) Life Members who are in the Life Membership list **on or before February 28** (e) Exempt Members who have been bestowed the exempt status in the membership list of **MMA on or before February 28.**

(a) **Dr. Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor)** clarified that the amendment was proposed to remove ambiguity concerning payment of subscriptions on 28 February, as the existing wording referred to payment "before" 28 February and could therefore exclude members who made payment on that date.

(b) **Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)** queried whether the provision should also take into account 29 February in a leap year. The Proposer clarified that the proposed provision would retain 28 February as the relevant date.

(c) **Prof Dr Hoe Chee Wai, Victor (WPKL)** sought clarification regarding the reference to "exempt members", including who determined whether a member was exempt.

(d) The Proposer referred the matter to the CRRC for clarification. Dr. Mohamed Namazie explained that, under the Constitution, an exempt member was a medical practitioner who had been an ordinary member in good standing for at least twenty (20) years and had attained the age of sixty-five (65) years, and who was therefore eligible for exemption from further payment of the Association's annual subscription.

The amendment was then put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 63 votes — 82.89%
Rejected: 13 votes — 17.11%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 27 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 28

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) explained that the amendment was intended to provide that, where the Constitution was silent on a matter, its interpretation should not result in an absurd or unjust outcome.
(b) In view of the earlier commitment to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constitution, Dr. Timothy informed the House that he wished to withdraw the amendment for further consideration as part of the review.
(c) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 28 was withdrawn and was not put to a vote.**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 28 --- [Codifying the Principle of Purposive Interpretation]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 21 - INTERPRETATION	
(2) The following rules apply unless the context suggests otherwise: (i) Headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation hereof. (ii) The singular includes the plural and vice versa. (iii) Words denoting any gender include all genders. (iv) If a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning. (v) The meaning of general words is not limited by specific examples introduced by "including" or "for example" or similar expressions. (vi) The words "hereof", "herein", "hereon" and "hereunder" and words of similar import refer to this Constitution as a whole and not to any particular Clause of this Constitution. (vii) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to any Clause is to a clause in this Constitution.	(2) The following rules apply unless the context suggests otherwise: (i) – (vii): No change

	Insert New Clause 21(2)(viii): (viii) Where any provision of this Constitution is ambiguous, silent as to a material matter, or capable of more than one reasonable interpretation, it shall be interpreted in a manner that gives effect to the evident purpose and intent of the provision, and that avoids a result which is absurd, unreasonable, or inconsistent with other provisions of this Constitution. A literal interpretation that produces an absurd or unjust outcome shall not be adopted where a purposive interpretation is reasonably available.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 29, 30 & 31

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) informed the House that Proposed Amendments 29, 30 and 31 arose from disputes and issues concerning the relationship and consultation between SCHOMOS, PPSMMA and their respective Executive Committees.

(b) He referred to the assurance given by Dr. Sivanaesan, the President 2026/2027, that the Constitution would be comprehensively reviewed with all the relevant matters would be properly considered during the review process and that it will be done properly with proper consultation with all the relevant parties. In view of this assurance, Dr. Timothy agreed to withdraw Proposed Amendments 29, 30 and 31.

(c) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendments 29, 30 and 31 were withdrawn** and were not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 29 --- [Consultation with PPSMMA] Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 24 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: PPSMMA	
(1) Introduction **(iii) Objectives** (a) This Section shall be a consultative body to the MMA, in matters pertaining to the	Add to the clause: All matters relating specifically to the Section shall be discussed with the respective Executive Committee prior to any decision or position being adopted by the MMA Executive Committee

doctors working in the private sector. (b) Consultative processes, requests and decisions, which PPSMMA has with the government and with bodies outside the Malaysian Medical Association shall go through the MMA. (c) PPSMMA may discuss matters related to and problems of day to day Health Services rendered by doctors to the community, the training of doctors and other such matters. (d) This Section shall inform doctors in the private sector who are not yet MMA members, of the activities of the MMA and encourage their involvement as members of the MMA to stand united on issues affecting Private Medical Practice in Malaysia.	or Council. No decision that materially affects a Section shall take effect without prior consultation with that Section's Executive Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 30 --- [Escalation and Dispute Resolution Mechanism]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 24 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: PPSMMA	
(14) General Provisions (i) Any other matter or matters not covered by these Terms of Reference shall be dealt with according to the provision of the MMA Constitution. (ii) In case of any dispute as to the interpretation, construction, rendering and meaning of all or any of these Terms of Reference, or of any word or words contained in the Terms of Reference, the interpretation, construction, rendering and meaning determined and fixed by the Council of the MMA shall be final and conclusive. (iii) Neither PPSMMA nor its members shall attempt to restrict or in any other manner engage in any Trade Union activities as defined in the Trade Union Ordinance 1959.	Add to the clause: Any disagreement between the Section and the MMA Council or Executive Committee on matters affecting the Section shall be referred to the MMA Council for deliberation and final decision. The Section shall be given the opportunity to present its position in writing before a decision is made.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 31 --- [Consultation with SCHOMOS]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
(1) Introduction The Section to be known as Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialist (SCHOMOS) which is based at the registered address of the Malaysian Medical Association. The Section shall be governed by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Constitution and Council with the following objectives. (i) It shall be a consultative body to the MMA, in matters pertaining to the doctors in the public sector. All consultative processes, requests and decisions, which SCHOMOS has with the government and with bodies outside the Malaysian Medical Association shall go through the MMA. Between them and to that end it may discuss service, training and other matters, with the prior consent of the MMA Council. (ii) To inform doctors in the public sector who are not yet MMA members, of the activities of the MMA and to encourage their involvement as members of the MMA. (iii) SCHOMOS shall also support junior doctors in their professional endeavours and pursuits via the MMA Junior Doctors Network (MMA-JDN).	Add to the clause: All matters relating specifically to the Section shall be discussed with the respective Executive Committee prior to any decision or position being adopted by the MMA Executive Committee or Council. No decision that materially affects a Section shall take effect without prior consultation with that Section's Executive Committee.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 32

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan (Penang) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 32 --- [Consequential Constitutional Amendments to the SCHOMOS Terms of Reference Arising from the Proposed Establishment of the MMA Junior Doctors Network (JDN) Committee]

Proposer: Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan
Seconder: Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo
(On Behalf of the 66th MMA Exco)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
(1) Introduction	**(b) Introduction**

The Section to be known as Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialist (SCHOMOS) which is based at the registered address of the Malaysian Medical Association. The Section shall be governed by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Constitution and Council with the following objectives. (i) It shall be a consultative body to the MMA, in matters pertaining to the doctors in the public sector. All consultative processes, requests and decisions, which SCHOMOS has with the government and with bodies outside the Malaysian Medical Association shall go through the MMA. Between them and to that end it may discuss service, training and other matters, with the prior consent of the MMA Council. (ii) To inform doctors in the public sector who are not yet MMA members, of the activities of the MMA and to encourage their involvement as members of the MMA. (iii) SCHOMOS shall also support junior doctors in their professional endeavours and pursuits via the MMA Junior Doctors Network (MMA-JDN).	The Section to be known as Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialist (SCHOMOS) which is based at the registered address of the Malaysian Medical Association. The Section shall be governed by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Constitution and Council with the following objectives. (i) It shall be a consultative body to the MMA, in matters pertaining to the doctors in the public sector All consultative processes, requests and decisions, which SCHOMOS has with the government and with bodies outside the Malaysian Medical Association shall go through the MMA. Between them and to that end it may discuss service, training and other matters, with the prior consent of the MMA Council. (ii) To inform doctors in the public sector who are not yet MMA members, of the activities of the MMA and to encourage their involvement as members of the MMA. Delete the following clause: ~~(iii) SCHOMOS shall also support junior doctors in their professional endeavours and pursuits via the MMA Junior Doctors Network (MMA-JDN).~~

Rationale for the proposed amendment:

(a) The amendment was consequential to the proposed establishment of the MMA Junior Doctors Network (JDN) as a separate MMA committee under the corresponding Proposed Resolution 1. The proposal had been discussed with JDN, SCHOMOS, PPSMMA, Exco and Council and had been presented to Council.

(b) Under the proposed arrangement, JDN would become a separate committee, with SCHOMOS and PPSMMA serving in an advisory capacity. The JDN would have autonomy to conduct its activities and manage its approved funds in accordance with the relevant MMA requirements.

(c) The amendment therefore sought to delete the existing provision under the SCHOMOS terms of reference stating that SCHOMOS should support junior doctors in their professional endeavours through the MMA Junior Doctors Network, as JDN would thereafter operate as a separate committee.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) **Prof Dr Hoe Chee Wai, Victor (WPKL)** expressed concern that deleting the provision might be interpreted as SCHOMOS no longer supporting junior doctors. The Proposer clarified that the

amendment was consequential to the separate resolution establishing the JDN committee and that the proposed resolution had been developed in consultation with SCHOMOS, PPSMMA, Exco and Council.

(b) Dr. Mohamed Namazie (Selangor) further clarified the constitutional position. He explained that Council had the authority under the Constitution to establish committees and determine their terms of reference, and that the proposed resolution concerning JDN was being presented to the AGM as an ordinary resolution requiring a simple majority rather than a two-thirds majority.

The House proceeded to vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 70 votes — 92.11%
Rejected: 6 votes — 7.89%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 32 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 33
(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor) informed the House that, following the withdrawal of Proposed Amendment No. 26 concerning the definition of "public medical service", the present amendment would also be withdrawn pending further consideration.

(b) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 33 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 33 --- [To ensure only those only those who are employed in in government medical services can be members of SCHOMOS.]

Proposer: Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim
Seconder: Dr Gabriel Tang Pei Yung
(On behalf of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
(1) Introduction The Section to be known as Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialist (SCHOMOS) which is based at the registered address of the Malaysian Medical Association. The Section shall be governed by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Constitution and Council with the following objectives. (i) It shall be a consultative body to the	**(1) Introduction** The Section to be known as Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialist (SCHOMOS) which is based at the registered address of the Malaysian Medical Association. The Section shall be governed by the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) Constitution and Council with the following objectives. (i) It shall be a consultative body to the

MMA, in matters pertaining to the doctors in the public sector. All consultative processes, requests and decisions, which SCHOMOS has with the government and with bodies outside the Malaysian Medical Association shall go through the MMA. Between them and to that end it may discuss service, training and other matters, with the prior consent of the MMA Council. (ii) To inform doctors in the public sector who are not yet MMA members, of the activities of the MMA and to encourage their involvement as members of the MMA. (iii) SCHOMOS shall also support junior doctors in their professional endeavours and pursuits via the MMA Junior Doctors Network (MMA-JDN).	MMA, in matters pertaining to the doctors ~~in the public sector~~ employed in the Public Medical Service. All consultative processes, requests and decisions, which SCHOMOS has with the government and with bodies outside the Malaysian Medical Association shall go through the MMA. Between them and to that end it may discuss service, training and other matters, with the prior consent of the MMA Council. (ii) To inform doctors ~~in the public sector~~ employed in the Public Medical Service who are not yet MMA members, of the activities of the MMA and to encourage their involvement as members of the MMA. (iii) No change.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 34

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan (Penang) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 34 --- --- [Consequential Constitutional Amendments to the SCHOMOS Terms of Reference Arising from the Proposed Establishment of the MMA Junior Doctors Network (JDN) Committee]

Proposer: Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan
Seconder: Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo
(On Behalf of the 66th MMA Exco)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
(2) Members of SCHOMOS All MMA members by virtue of being employed in the public sector shall be deemed members of SCHOMOS. All MMA members by virtue of being within ten (10) years of their medical graduation and/ or currently enrolled in a postgraduate training programme shall be deemed junior doctors and may participate in MMA-JDN activities.	**(2) Members of SCHOMOS** All MMA members by virtue of being employed in the public sector shall be deemed members of SCHOMOS. Delete the following clause: ~~All MMA members by virtue of being within ten (10) years of their medical graduation and/ or currently enrolled in a postgraduate training programme shall be deemed junior doctors and may participate in MMA-JDN activities.~~

Rationale for the proposed amendment:

(a) The amendment was consequential to the establishment of the MMA JDN Committee under Resolution No. 1 and was linked to Proposed Amendment 32. The amendment sought to remove the relevant provisions from the Constitution and provide for them under the terms of reference of the newly established JDN Committee.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) **Prof Dr Hoe Chee Wai, Victor (WPKL)** sought clarification as to whether the proposed changes would affect the status or name of SCHOMOS, particularly in view of the representation of House Officers and Medical Officers. The Proposer clarified that SCHOMOS would remain unchanged and that JDN would operate as a separate committee.

(b) **Dr. Karthigan Pala Subramaniam (Selangor),** who identified himself as being involved with both PPSMMA and JDN, further explained that SCHOMOS and PPSMMA would continue to represent doctors according to their respective sectors, while JDN would serve as a separate committee focusing on junior doctors across both the public and private sectors.

(c) **Dr. Liew Boon Seng (Selangor)** sought clarification regarding the earlier amendment concerning the holding of multiple office-bearer positions and whether an individual could simultaneously hold office in SCHOMOS and JDN.

(d) **Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien** (Sabah) clarified that the earlier provision concerning multiple positions applied to elected office bearers and not ordinary membership/ committees. It was further clarified that committee chairmanships appointed by Council were distinct from elected office-bearer positions.

The amendment was then put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 82 votes — 95.35%
Rejected: 4 votes — 4.65%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 34 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 35
(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim (Selangor) informed the House that, as the earlier proposed definition of "public medical service" had been withdrawn, Propose Amendment 35 would also be withdrawn.

(b) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 35 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 35 --- [To ensure only those only those who are employed in in government medical services can be members of SCHOMOS.]

Proposer: Dr. Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim
Seconder: Dr Gabriel Tang Pei Yung
(On behalf of the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
(2) Members of SCHOMOS All MMA members by virtue of being employed in the public sector shall be deemed members of SCHOMOS. All MMA members by virtue of being within ten (10) years of their medical graduation and/ or currently enrolled in a postgraduate training programme shall be deemed junior doctors and may participate in MMA-JDN activities.	**(2) Members of SCHOMOS** ~~All MMA members by virtue of being employed in the public sector shall be deemed members of SCHOMOS.~~ All MMA members who are employed in the public medical service shall be deemed members of SCHOMOS. A member shall not cease to be a member of SCHOMOS solely by reason of undergoing an approved postgraduate training programme or study leave connected with such employment. All MMA members by virtue of being within ten (10) years of their medical graduation and/ or currently enrolled in a postgraduate training programme shall be deemed junior doctors and may participate in MMA-JDN activities.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 36

(Remarks: Rejected by the House)

Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 36 --- [SCHOMOS Membership Upon Retirement]

Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
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	(iii) Any MMA member who has served in the public sector continuously until reaching the mandatory retirement age, whether under the pension scheme or the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) scheme, and who holds a valid kad pesara, shall be entitled to elect to remain a member of SCHOMOS upon retirement, subject to continued MMA membership in good standing. (iv) A member retained under sub-clause (iii) who subsequently enters private medical practice shall be entitled to elect, by written notice to the MMA Council within six (6) months of commencing private practice, to transfer their Section membership to PPSMMA. Upon such election, their SCHOMOS membership under sub-clause (iii) shall lapse. In the absence of such election within the prescribed period, the member shall remain a member of SCHOMOS. (v) A member who has transferred to PPSMMA under sub-clause (iv) and who subsequently returns to public sector employment shall automatically revert to SCHOMOS membership under Clause 25(2)(i).

Rationale for the proposed amendment:

(a) The amendment sought to address the position of doctors who had retired from government service and were in possession of a government retirement card (Kad Pesara). The Proposer noted that there had been uncertainty among senior former government doctors, including past presidents and section chairmen, as to whether they should attend SCHOMOS or PPSMMA meetings following retirement.

(b) The Proposer proposed that a doctor who had retired from government service and held a valid Kad Pesara should continue to be recognised as a member of SCHOMOS. He further explained that the proposed provision sought to address situations where a retired government doctor subsequently entered private practice or moved into an academic appointment.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) **Dr Gayathri K.Kumarasuriar (Melaka)** expressed support for the proposal and stated that retired government doctors continued to possess significant experience and expertise which could benefit the Association. She considered that members should be given an opportunity to determine their continued participation.

(b) **The IPP 2026/2027, Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (WPKL),** speaking in his capacity as an MMA member, suggested that the matter be considered as part of the comprehensive constitutional review rather than being addressed through an immediate amendment.

(c) **Dr. Sivabala Selvaratnam (Perak)** supported the proposal but suggested that a retired government doctor holding a Kad Pesara should retain the option of remaining with SCHOMOS even if subsequently working in private practice or at a private medical university, rather than being automatically transferred to PPSMMA.

(d) **Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak)** expressed reservations regarding allowing such a choice, noting that a doctor who had served in government service for many years but subsequently entered private practice could potentially create uncertainty regarding the appropriate section under which the doctor should be represented.

(e) **The President (2026/2027)** noted that the matter involved administrative and constitutional implications and required careful consideration. He emphasised that the Association needed to establish clear and administratively workable criteria rather than relying solely on individual preference. He therefore indicated that the matter could be considered further as part of the comprehensive review of the Constitution.

(f) **Dr. Saraswathi Bina Rai S.K Nagalingam (Penang),** who had retired after thirty-three (33) years of government service and was then working at a private university, shared her experience and highlighted the difficulty in determining the appropriate section for retired government doctors who subsequently entered other forms of employment. The President 2026/2027 noted the circumstances and reiterated that membership classification should be based on the member's current employment status.

(g) **Prof. Dr. Jayakumar Gurusamy (Melaka)** further highlighted the complexity of cases involving doctors who had retired from government service but continued to work on a fractional basis in government and private universities. He supported further review of the matter.

(h) The Proposer stated that he considered the issue to be a gap in the Constitution and requested that the House decide the matter through a vote.

(i) The President (2026/2027), having heard the views expressed, indicated that he preferred the amendment to be rejected and that the matter be considered during the comprehensive constitutional review.

The amendment was then put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 57 votes — 51.82%
Rejected: 53 votes — 48.18%

As the required two-thirds majority was not achieved, **Proposed Amendment 36 was rejected.**

For your attention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 37

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan (Penang) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 37 --- [Consequential Constitutional Amendments to the SCHOMOS Terms of Reference Arising from the Proposed Establishment of the MMA Junior Doctors Network (JDN) Committee]

Proposer: Dr Vasu Pillai A/L Letchumanan
Seconder: Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo
(On Behalf of the 66th MMA Exco)

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
(4) Management of SCHOMOS (i) National Working Committee (NWC) of SCHOMOS shall function as the principal body of SCHOMOS within the guidelines set out below. (ii) Composition of the NWC of SCHOMOS The NWC of SCHOMOS shall consist of: Office bearers - A Chairman - A Vice-Chairman - An Honorary Secretary - An Honorary Treasurer - Two (2) Honorary Assistant Secretaries State Representatives - Each MMA State Branch SCHOMOS Section shall be entitled to one (1) representative on the NWC of SCHOMOS JDN Representative - MMA-JDN shall be entitled to one (1) voting representative on the NWC of SCHOMOS, to be elected from among the JDN members present at the SCHOMOS AGM.	(a) **Management of SCHOMOS** (i) National Working Committee (NWC) of SCHOMOS shall function as the principal body of SCHOMOS within the guidelines set out below. (ii) Composition of the NWC of SCHOMOS The NWC of SCHOMOS shall consist of: Office bearers - A Chairman - A Vice-Chairman - An Honorary Secretary - An Honorary Treasurer - Two (2) Honorary Assistant Secretaries State Representatives - Each MMA State Branch SCHOMOS Section shall be entitled to one (1) representative on the NWC of SCHOMOS Delete the following clause: ~~JDN Representative~~ ~~- MMA-JDN shall be entitled to one (1) voting representative on the NWC of SCHOMOS, to be elected from among the JDN members present at the SCHOMOS AGM.~~

The amendment was consequential to the establishment of the independent MMA JDN Committee under Resolution No. 1 and was linked to Proposed Amendments 32 and 34.

The amendment was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 91 votes — 91%
Rejected: 9 votes — 9%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 37 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 38

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) informed the House that the amendment was related to matters which had already been withdrawn and, in view of the assurance given by the President, he agreed to withdraw the amendment.

(b) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 38 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 38 --- [Escalation and Dispute Resolution Mechanism] Proposer: Dr Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien Seconder: Dr Thum Chern Choong	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 25 - TERMS OF REFERENCE: SCHOMOS	
(14) General Provisions (i) Any other matter or matters not covered by these Terms of References shall be dealt with according to the provision of the MMA Constitution. (ii) In case of any dispute as to the interpretation, construction, rendering and meaning of all or any of these Terms of References or of any word or words contained in the Terms of Reference, the interpretation, construction, rendering and meaning determined and fixed by the Council of MMA shall be final and conclusive. (iii) Neither SCHOMOS nor its members shall attempt to restrict or in any other manner engage in any Trade Union activities as defined in the Trade Union Ordinance, 1959.	Add to the clause: Any disagreement between the Section and the MMA Council or Executive Committee on matters affecting the Section shall be referred to the MMA Council for deliberation and final decision. The Section shall be given the opportunity to present its position in writing before a decision is made.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 39

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai Bin Abdullah (WPKL) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 39

Proposer: Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai Bin Abdullah
Seconder: Dr Liew Boon Seng

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 27 – PUBLICATIONS	
(1) Journal (i) A Journal, to be called the Medical Journal of Malaysia, shall be published by or on behalf of the Association, and shall be conducted by an Editor in Chief, who shall be responsible for all that appears therein, except such matters as are inserted in accordance with the Constitution or by the direction of the Council. The Editor shall be appointed by Council. (ii) The term of Editor in Chief shall be two years and he may be reappointed by the Council. (iii) The term of the Editors (Members of the Editorial Board) shall be two years and they may be reappointed by the Council. (iv) The Council shall appoint not more than five (5) International Advisors to the Medical Journal of Malaysia. (v) The Editorial Board of Medical Journal of Malaysia shall also publish a separate journal for case reports, named as MJM-Case Reports.	**(1) Journal** ~~(i) A Journal, to be called the Medical Journal of Malaysia, shall be published by or on behalf of the Association, and shall be conducted by an Editor in Chief, who shall be responsible for all that appears therein, except such matters as are inserted in accordance with the Constitution or by the direction of the Council. The Editor shall be appointed by Council.~~ ~~(ii) The term of Editor in Chief shall be two years and he may be reappointed by the Council.~~ ~~(iii) The term of the Editors (Members of the Editorial Board) shall be two years and they may be reappointed by the Council.~~ ~~(iv) The Council shall appoint not more than five (5) International Advisors to the Medical Journal of Malaysia.~~ ~~(v) The Editorial Board of Medical Journal of Malaysia shall also publish a separate journal for case reports, named as MJM-Case Reports.~~ Delete the entire Clause 27(1)(i-v) and replace with the following: (i) A Journal, to be called the Medical Journal of Malaysia (MJM), shall be published by or on behalf of the Association with a dedicated Editor in Chief and Editors (Members of the Editorial Board). (ii) A separate journal for case reports, named as MJM-Case Reports shall be published by or on behalf of the Association, with a dedicated Editor in Chief and Editors (Members of the Editorial Board). (iii) An Editor in Chief for each journal, who shall be responsible for all that appears therein, except such matters as are inserted in accordance with the

	Constitution or by the direction of the Council. (iv) The Editors in Chief and Editors (Members of the Editorial Board) of both journals shall be appointed by Council. (v) The term of both Editors in Chief shall be two years and he/she may be reappointed by the Council. (vi) The term of the Editors (Members of the Editorial Board) shall be two years and they may be reappointed by the Council. (vii) The Council shall appoint not more than five (5) International Advisors to each journal, the Medical Journal of Malaysia and MJM-Case Report.

(a) The Proposer explained that the existing constitutional provisions provided for the Medical Journal of Malaysia to be published by or on behalf of the Association under an Editor-in-Chief, with a separate journal for case reports known as MJM-Case Reports.

(b) The amendment sought to revise the provisions to provide separately for both journals, with dedicated Editors-in-Chief and Editorial Boards.

The amendment was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 96 votes — 90.57%
Rejected: 10 votes — 9.43%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 39 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 40
(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai Bin Abdullah (WPKL) presented the following proposed amendment:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 40 Proposer: Dr Victor Hoe Chee Wai Bin Abdullah Seconder: Dr Liew Boon Seng	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 27 – PUBLICATIONS	

(2) Duties of the Editor in Chief of Medical Journal of Malaysia (i) The Editor in Chief shall be responsible for the publication of such journals, periodicals and proceedings of the Scientific Meetings of the Association, as the Council may from time to time decide. (ii) The Editor in Chief shall be assisted in his duties by the Editors (Members of the Editorial Board).	**(2) Duties of the Editor in Chief of Medical Journal of Malaysia and MJM Case Report** (i) The Editors in Chief shall be responsible for the publication of such journals, periodicals and proceedings of the Scientific Meetings of the Association, as the Council may from time to time decide. (ii) The Editors in Chief shall be assisted in his/her duties by the Editors (Members of the Editorial Board).

The amendment was consequential to Proposed Amendment 39 and was intended to ensure consistency between the relevant constitutional provisions.

The amendment was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 105 votes — 96.33%
Rejected: 4 votes — 3.67%

The required two-thirds majority having been achieved, **Proposed Amendment 40 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 41
(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Prof Dr Jayakumar Gurusamy (Melaka) explained that, in view of the House's earlier rejection of Proposed Amendment 1 concerning the Election Review Panel, the Elections Committee wished to withdraw Proposed Amendment 41.

(b) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 41 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 41 --- [Exclusion of Election Matters] Proposed by: Dr Ravindran R Naidu Seconded by: Prof Dr Jayakumar Gurusamy (On behalf of the MMA Elections Committee)	
ORIGINAL CLAUSE	**AMENDED CLAUSE**
CLAUSE 30 - INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR)	
(1) **General Provisions** (ii) Any complaint concerning the conduct of the Administration of the MMA, or concerning the conduct of an individual member of the	**(1) General Provisions**

Administration when acting in his official capacity, or the conduct of any other member of the Association, that may constitute an infringement of the Constitution of the Association shall be made: (b) In writing and sent to the Honorary General Secretary or such other person(s) designated by the Honorary General Secretary or the Exco for that purpose. (c) The complaint shall contain the following: i. the full name, membership number, current address and contact number of the complainant; ii. the facts of the complaint; iii. copies of any documents that the complainant proposes to rely on in support of his complaint; and iv. the signature of the complainant. (d) If the nature of the complaint against any member involves ethics and is such that it falls under the purview of the Ethics Committee as governed by the Rules of the Ethics Committee, such complaint shall be referred to the Ethics Committee for further action.	**(ii) (a – c):** No change Insert new clause 30(1)(ii)(d) (d) Exclusion of Election Matters Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Clause, any complaint, dispute, challenge or application relating to— i. the conduct of elections under Clause 7 of this Constitution; ii. the eligibility of any nominee or candidate; iii. the nomination process; iv. election procedures; v. campaign conduct; vi. the validity of any election; vii. any decision, determination or direction of the Elections Committee; or viii. any determination of the Election Review Panel, shall be governed exclusively by Clause 7 of this Constitution and the Election Terms of Reference made thereunder.

	Such matters shall not be referred to, investigated or determined under the Internal Dispute Resolution mechanism established by this Clause. However, if a complaint relates to any person's conduct during an election cycle, and does not challenge the election process itself or any decision of the Elections Committee or Election Review Panel, the complaint may be dealt with under the Internal Dispute Mechanism, provided it falls within the scope of Clause 30.

For your information.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 42

(Remarks: Withdrawn by the Proposer)

(a) Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) explained that, following the withdrawal of Proposed Amendment 41 and the related matters concerning the Election Review Panel, he would also withdraw Proposed Amendment 42.

(b) Accordingly, the following **Proposed Amendment 42 was withdrawn** and was not put to a vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 42 --- [Extending IDR Expressly to Electoral Disputes]

Proposer: Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien
Seconder: Thum Chern Choong

ORIGINAL CLAUSE	AMENDED CLAUSE
CLAUSE 30 - INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR)	
(1) General Provisions **(ii)** Any complaint concerning the conduct of the Administration of the MMA, or concerning the conduct of an individual member of the Administration when acting in his official capacity, or the conduct of any other member of the Association, that may constitute an infringement of the Constitution of the Association shall be made: (a) In writing and sent to the Honorary General Secretary or such other person(s) designated by the Honorary General Secretary or the Exco for that purpose. (b) The complaint shall contain the following: i. the full name, membership number,	**(1) General Provisions**

current address and contact number of the complainant; ii. the facts of the complaint; iii. copies of any documents that the complainant proposes to rely on in support of his complaint; and iv. the signature of the complainant. (c) If the nature of the complaint against any member involves ethics and is such that it falls under the purview of the Ethics Committee as governed by the Rules of the Ethics Committee, such complaint shall be referred to the Ethics Committee for further action.	**(ii) (a – c):** No change Insert new clause 30(1)(ii)(d) (d) For the avoidance of doubt, complaints relating to the conduct of elections, the eligibility determination of candidates, or the decisions of the Elections Committee shall be treated as complaints concerning the conduct of the Administration and shall be subject to the IDR mechanism under this Clause, in addition to any right of appeal under Clause 7(7B). Where the complaint concerns the office of the Honorary General Secretary or an election for that office, the complaint shall be received and handled by a designated person or by the President and Council, so that no person with a conflict of interest determines it. The IDR and appeal mechanisms shall be concurrent and independent; exhaustion of one shall not be a precondition for invoking the other.

For your information.

16.6 Discussions on the Proposed Resolutions:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

A resolution to form a committee dedicated to the Juniors Doctors of MMA: MMA-JDN committee (MMA-JDNC) Proposer: Dr Lianne Alychia Hendriks Seconder: Dr Renuka Gunasagaran
PREAMBLE The Section Concerning House Officers, Medical Officers and Specialists (SCHOMOS) of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) has served as the principal body representing and advocating for junior doctors since its establishment in 1971. In 2016, the Malaysian chapter of the Junior Doctors Network (JDN) was formed under the auspices of SCHOMOS to strengthen engagement and advocacy for early-career doctors. Recognising the growing importance of junior doctor representation, constitutional

amendments adopted at the 2022 MMA Annual General Meeting formally established the Malaysian Medical Association – Junior Doctors Network (MMA-JDN), thereby strengthening the participation and voice of junior doctors within the Association.

The formalisation of MMA-JDN reflects the evolving landscape of medical practice and the changing needs of junior doctors in Malaysia. With increasing numbers of junior doctors serving across both public and private healthcare settings, there is a growing need for a common platform that unites early-career doctors with shared interests and concerns, regardless of their sector of practice.

Beyond advocacy, MMA-JDN seeks to promote professional development, leadership, mentorship, welfare and collaboration among junior doctors, while strengthening engagement with the wider Association and relevant stakeholders. As a unifying body, MMA-JDN complements the work of SCHOMOS, the Private Practitioners Section (PPS), MMA branches and other stakeholders, providing an avenue for meaningful engagement, representation and collaboration across the public and private healthcare sectors.

Through active participation and representation at the local, regional and international levels, MMA-JDN remains committed to nurturing future leaders of the profession and ensuring that the voices of junior doctors continue to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of medicine and healthcare. The continued development of MMA-JDN reflects the Malaysian Medical Association's commitment to supporting the next generation of medical professionals and strengthening the future of the profession.

As MMA-JDN continues to evolve, there is a need for a structure that enables greater continuity, flexibility and sustainability in fulfilling its objectives. Recognising the increasingly diverse landscape of junior medical practice, as well as the expanding scope of activities undertaken by MMA-JDN at the local, regional and international levels, the establishment of the Malaysian Medical Association – Junior Doctors Network Committee (MMA-JDNC) represents a natural progression in strengthening the engagement, representation and development of junior doctors within the Association.

The formation of MMA-JDNC as an official Committee of the Malaysian Medical Association would provide a unified platform for junior doctors from both the public and private sectors, while complementing the work of existing Sections and Branches. It would facilitate leadership development, promote continuity between successive office bearers, strengthen collaborations with relevant stakeholders, and enhance the ability of MMA-JDN to undertake initiatives and represent Malaysian junior doctors both nationally and internationally.

The establishment of MMA-JDNC reflects the Malaysian Medical Association's continued commitment to nurturing future leaders of the profession and ensuring that junior doctors remain meaningfully engaged in shaping the future of medicine and healthcare in Malaysia.

RESOLUTION
The House resolves that the Malaysian Medical Association-Junior Doctors Network Committee (MMA-JDNC) be recognised as an official Committee of the Malaysian Medical Association.

(a) The Proposer, **Dr Lianne Alychia Hendriks (Melaka),** the re-elected JDN Chair for 2026/2027 and Honorary Secretary of MMA Melaka Branch, explained that JDN represented doctors who were within ten (10) years of graduation and provided a platform for doctors at different stages of early-career practice, including House Officers, Medical Officers and doctors who had moved from the government to the private sector.

(b) The Proposer explained that JDN sought to provide representation, professional development, advocacy and engagement for junior doctors. Historically, JDN had operated under the purview

of SCHOMOS, with subsequent support from PPSMMA. As its activities and scope had expanded, she considered that committee status would provide a clearer administrative structure for planning and implementing activities.

(c) Establishment as a separate committee would not remove accountability. JDN would remain accountable to the MMA Exco and Council and would continue to work closely with SCHOMOS and PPSMMA. She emphasised that the proposal was not intended to separate junior doctors from the two sections but to provide a common platform for junior doctors across the public and private sectors.

(d) The Seconder, **Dr. Renuka Gunasagaran (WPKL),** representing PPSMMA and JDN, spoke in support of the resolution. She noted that junior doctors represented a significant group within MMA and had specific early-career needs relating to workforce planning, career development, mentorship and professional development. She emphasised that establishment of the JDN Committee was intended to provide a dedicated platform for junior doctors without isolating them from SCHOMOS, PPSMMA or the wider MMA.

(e) **Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)** stated that the establishment of the JDN Committee would not alter the identity or functions of SCHOMOS and noted that the World Medical Association did not distinguish between public and private doctors in the same manner. He expressed support for the proposal on behalf of SCHOMOS.

The resolution was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 102 votes — 88.70%
Rejected: 13 votes — 11.30%
As an ordinary resolution required a simple majority, **Proposed Resolution 1 was passed.**

For your information.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2
(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Resolution on the Formation of an MMA Committee on Emerging Medical Specialist Pathways
Proposer: Dr. Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan (Deputy Honorary Secretary, SCHOMOS)
Seconder: Datuk Dr. Thirunavukarasu Rajoo (President, MMA)

Proposed Motion
Recognising the evolving healthcare landscape and the increasing need for specialist expertise beyond traditional clinical disciplines, the MMA shall establish a dedicated Committee on Emerging Medical Specialist Pathways to study, advocate, and facilitate the development and recognition of emerging specialist disciplines within Malaysia's healthcare system.

Background

The Malaysian healthcare system has undergone significant transformation, requiring specialised expertise in areas such as Medical Administration, Medical Research, Occupational Health, Health Informatics, Digital Health, Medical Law and other evolving fields essential to modern healthcare delivery.

While many of these disciplines have established training pathways and specialist recognition frameworks internationally, their development and recognition within Malaysia remain heterogeneous. There is a need for coordinated engagement with relevant stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health, the National Specialist Register, the Malaysian Medical Council, universities, professional bodies, and healthcare institutions, to ensure structured career progression and workforce planning for these emerging specialties.

Resolution
The MMA AGM hereby resolves to:

1. **Establish an MMA Committee on Emerging Medical Specialist Pathways** under the MMA Council.

2. **Mandate the Committee** to:
   - Identify and prioritise emerging specialist disciplines requiring formal recognition and development.
   - Engage with relevant regulatory authorities, professional colleges, specialist societies, academic institutions, and healthcare organisations.
   - Review local and international specialist training models and best practices.
   - Develop recommendations on training standards, credentialing, accreditation, and specialist recognition pathways.
   - Advocate for equitable career progression, workforce planning, and specialist registration

3. **Ensure broad representation within the Committee, including members from:**
   - Medical Administration; Medical Research; Academic Medicine; Digital Health and Health Informatics; Medical Law and other emerging specialties as determined by the MMA Council.

Expected Outcomes
The formation of this Committee will:
- Strengthen Malaysia's medical specialist workforce planning.
- Support the development of structured specialist training pathways.
- Enhance recognition of emerging medical disciplines.
- Promote excellence in healthcare leadership, research, occupational health, innovation, and service delivery.
- Ensure the medical profession remains responsive to future healthcare needs and challenges.

(a) **Dr. Selvanaayagam Shanmuganathan (Kedah)** explained that the proposed Committee would examine emerging specialist pathways, including areas such as medical administration and medical research, and consider developments in other jurisdictions including Australia, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong. He noted that there were evolving pathways and areas of specialisation which required further consideration in Malaysia.

(b) The proposed Committee would engage relevant stakeholders from the public and private sectors and within MMA to consider emerging specialist pathways and make recommendations as appropriate.

(c) The President (2026/2027) expressed his support for the establishment of the Committee.

The resolution was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 102 votes — 95.33%
Rejected: 5 votes — 4.67%

Proposed Resolution 2 was passed.

For your information.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 3

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Establishment of the Finance Management Committee
Proposer: Dr Arvindran A/L Alaga
Seconder: Dr Mohamed Namazie Bin Ibrahim

WHEREAS the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) recognises the importance of sound financial governance, transparency, accountability, and prudent stewardship of its financial resources;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution of the Malaysian Medical Association empowers the Association to establish committees to assist in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution of the Malaysian Medical Association empowers the Association to establish committees to assist in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. A standing committee to be known as the **Finance Management Committee (FMC)** be established with effect from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting.

2. The purpose of the Finance Management Committee shall be to assist the Council in overseeing the financial affairs of the Association and to provide advice and recommendations on matters relating to:
   - Financial planning and budgeting;
   - Financial performance and reporting;
   - Financial risk management;
   - Investments and reserves;
   - Internal financial controls;
   - Audit matters; and
   - Any other financial matters referred to it by the Council.

3. The Finance Management Committee shall function as a committee of the Council and shall report to the Council regularly on its activities, findings, and recommendations.

4. The **Terms of Reference of the Finance Management Committee**, as set out in the document circulated to members together with the notice of this Annual General Meeting, be and are hereby approved and adopted.

5. The Council be and is hereby authorised to:

- Appoint the members of the Finance Management Committee;
- Fill any vacancy arising in the Committee;
- Make such amendments to the Terms of Reference as may be necessary from time to time, provided that such amendments are consistent with the Constitution and the objectives of the Committee, complaint with all other guidelines pertaining to finance; and
- Take all necessary steps to implement this resolution.

6. In the event of any inconsistency between the Terms of Reference of the Finance Management Committee and the Constitution of the Malaysian Medical Association, the provisions of the Constitution shall prevail.

Explanatory Note
The purpose of this resolution is to establish a Finance Management Committee as a standing committee of the Malaysian Medical Association to strengthen financial governance and oversight. The Committee will assist the Council in monitoring the Association's financial affairs and ensuring adherence to sound financial management practices. The proposed Terms of Reference define the Committee's composition, powers, responsibilities, and reporting obligations.

ATTACHMENT - Terms of Reference of the Finance Management Committee

FINANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MMA is governed by a Constitution, Governing Council, and Treasurer. The proposed Finance Management Committee should function as a committee of the Governing Council, with authority delegated by the Constitution and Council resolutions.

Since the association already has a Treasurer elected under the Constitution, the Treasurer should normally chair the Finance Management Committee or serve as its principal officer. The Committee should advise and oversee, but ultimate authority usually remains with the Governing Council which shall under normal circumstances shall heed the advice provided by the Finance Management Committee.

Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedure:

1. Authority
The Finance Management Committee ("FMC") is established pursuant to the requirement for prudent financial management of the Association and operates under the authority delegated by the Governing Council.

The FMC shall advise the Governing Council on all financial matters and assist in ensuring sound financial governance, accountability, transparency, and stewardship of the Association's resources.

The FMC shall have only those powers delegated to it by the Constitution, Governing Council, and approved policies of the Association.

2. Objectives
The objectives of the FMC are to:
a) Safeguard the financial assets and resources of the Association.
b) Assist the Treasurer in overseeing the financial affairs of the Association.
c) Review and recommend annual budgets for approval by the Governing Council.
d) Monitor the financial performance and sustainability of the Association.
e) Ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, constitutional requirements, and financial policies.
f) Advise the Governing Council on investments, reserves, risk management, and financial planning.
g) Promote transparency and accountability in all financial matters.

3. Composition

The FMC shall comprise:

- Chairperson who is not a member of the Council and shall chair all the FMC meetings
- The Treasurer Ex officio (as Deputy Chairperson);
- The President or nominee of the Governing Council;
- At least three (3) members who are not members of the Council appointed by the Governing Council;
- The Chief Operating Officer as an ex-officio member non-voting member;
- The Finance Manager or Finance Officer (where applicable) as an ex-officio non-voting member.
- The Governing Council may appoint additional members with relevant financial, accounting, legal, investment, or governance expertise.

4. Duties and Responsibilities

The FMC shall:

4.1 Budget and Financial Planning

a) Prepare and review the annual operating budget.
b) Recommend the annual budget to the Governing Council for approval.
c) Monitor income and expenditure against approved budgets.
d) Review significant budget variances and recommend corrective measures.

4.2 Financial Oversight

a) Review periodic financial statements.
b) Monitor cash flow and liquidity.
c) Review reserves and investment performance.
d) Ensure proper financial controls and accounting procedures are maintained.

4.3 Governance and Compliance

a) Ensure compliance with the Constitution, by-laws, policies, and statutory requirements.
b) Review financial risks affecting the Association.
c) Recommend financial policies and amendments for Governing Council approval.
d) Monitor implementation of audit recommendations.

4.4 Audit

a) Liaise with external auditors.
b) Review audited financial statements together with the internal auditors before submission to the Governing Council.
c) Recommend appointment or reappointment of external auditors.

5. Role of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

a) Serve as Chairperson of the FMC meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.
b) Provide leadership in financial governance.
c) Present financial reports to the Governing Council and Annual General Meeting.
d) Ensure proper books of account are maintained.
e) Oversee implementation of financial policies approved by the Governing Council.
f) Act as principal liaison between the FMC and Governing Council on financial matters.

6. Meetings

6.1 Frequency

The FMC shall meet at least quarterly and more frequently as required.

6.2 Quorum

A quorum shall consist of not less than one-half of the appointed members.

6.3 Decisions

The FMC shall endeavour to reach decisions by consensus. Where a vote is required, decisions shall be by simple majority of members present and voting.

The Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

6.4 Minutes
Minutes shall be recorded by the Secretary or designated officer and submitted to the next FMC meeting for confirmation.

Approved minutes shall be reported to the Governing Council.

7. Financial Authority
Unless otherwise provided in the Constitution or by Governing Council resolution:

a) The FMC may review and recommend expenditure and budget adjustments and ensure compliance with the various financial guidelines as approved by the Governing Council.
b) The FMC shall not approve expenditure beyond limits delegated by the Governing Council.
c) Expenditure exceeding delegated limits shall require Governing Council approval.
d) All bank accounts shall be operated in accordance with approved signatory arrangements.

8. Reporting
The FMC shall report to each meeting of the Governing Council on:

- Financial performance;
- Budget status;
- Cash flow position;
- Investments and reserves;
- Significant financial risks;
- Audit matters;
- Recommendations requiring Council approval.

9. Conflict of Interest
Members shall declare any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

A member with a declared conflict shall abstain from discussion and voting on the relevant matter.

All declarations shall be recorded in the minutes.

10. Confidentiality
Members shall maintain confidentiality regarding all financial, contractual, employment, investment, and other sensitive information obtained in the course of their duties.

11. Review
These Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedure shall be reviewed at least every three (3) years and any amendments shall be approved by the Governing Council.

12. Interpretation
In the event of any inconsistency between these Terms of Reference and the Constitution of the Association, the Constitution shall prevail.

This version is closer to the governance framework used by professional associations such as medical associations, legal societies, engineering institutions, and other membership-based bodies where the Governing Council is the ultimate authority**,** and the Treasurer is a constitutional office bearer.

(a) The Proposer, Dr. Arvindran A/L Alaga (Kedah), the HGT 2026/2027, explained that the proposed Committee would assist Council and the Treasurer in overseeing the financial affairs of the Association and provide advice and recommendations on financial planning, budgeting, financial

performance reporting, risk management, investments and reserves, internal financial controls, audit matters and other financial matters referred to it by Council.

(b) The proposed Finance Management Committee would replace the existing MMA Investment Committee and would also assist the Treasurer in formulating budgets for the forthcoming terms. The Committee would provide additional financial expertise and advice when considering requests for expenditure from MMA committees and other activities.

The resolution was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 94 votes — 91.26%
Rejected: 9 votes — 8.74%

Proposed Resolution 3 was passed.

For your information.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 4

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

Naming the New Conference Hall at MMA House as "MMA Hall"
Proposer: Datuk Dr Thirunavukarasu Rajoo
Seconder: Dr Vasu Pillai Letchumanan
(On behalf of the MMA Exco)

PREAMBLE

The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) has, over the past 66 years, established itself as a strong and respected voice of the medical profession in Malaysia and is widely recognised by members, stakeholders and the public.

The completion of the renovation and upgrading of MMA House presents an opportunity to further strengthen and promote the Association's identity, heritage and institutional legacy.

The new conference hall located on the 1st Floor of MMA House will serve as a key venue for MMA meetings, conferences, educational programmes and professional events. Naming the hall "MMA Hall" would reinforce the MMA brand and reflect the Association's standing as the premier professional medical association in the country.

RESOLUTION

The House resolves that the new conference hall located on the 1st Floor of MMA House be officially named "MMA Hall" in recognition of and to further strengthen the branding, identity and legacy of the Malaysian Medical Association.

(a) Dr. Vasu Pillai Letchumanan (Penang), the HGS 2026/2027, explained that the completion of the renovation and upgrading of MMA House presented an opportunity to strengthen the Association's identity, heritage and institutional legacy. He noted that the new conference hall on

the first floor of MMA House would serve as a venue for MMA meetings, conferences, educational programmes and professional events.

(b) The resolution proposed that the new conference hall located on the first floor of MMA House be officially named **"MMA Hall"** in recognition of and to further strengthen the branding, identity and legacy of the Malaysian Medical Association.

The resolution was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: 94 votes — 92.16%
Rejected: 8 votes — 7.84%

Proposed Resolution 4 was passed.

For your information.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 5

(Remarks: Passed by the House)

MMA ELECTION GOVERNANCE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) Proposer: Dr Ravindran R Naidu Seconder: Prof Dr Jayakumar Gurusamy ***(On behalf of the MMA Elections Committee)***
PREAMBLE WHEREAS the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) is committed to upholding the highest standards of democratic governance and institutional integrity; WHEREAS fair, transparent, and credible elections are the bedrock of the Association's legitimacy and the trust reposed in it by its members; WHEREAS the adoption of a formalized Terms of Reference (TOR) will safeguard against procedural ambiguities and promote a more inclusive and professionally managed electoral process; **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:** "THAT the Malaysian Medical Association Election Governance Terms of Reference (TOR), Version 2.0 (September, 2026), be and is hereby formally adopted and approved for implementation, and that this TOR shall take effect immediately, subject always to the overriding provisions of the MMA Constitution."

MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ELECTION GOVERNANCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

Version 2.0

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PREAMBLE

The Malaysian Medical Association ("MMA") is committed to conducting elections that are free, fair, transparent, impartial and consistent with the provisions of the MMA Constitution.

The Elections Committee is established under Clause 7 of the Constitution as an autonomous body entrusted with the conduct and administration of elections for the principal office bearers of the Association. The integrity and credibility of the electoral process depend upon the Elections Committee exercising its constitutional functions independently, impartially and without undue influence or interference.

These Terms of Reference ("TOR") are adopted to provide a comprehensive framework governing the administration of MMA elections. It prescribes uniform procedures for nominations, campaigning, voting, counting of votes, declaration of results, record management and the review of election-related decisions.

These TOR are intended solely to give practical effect to the provisions of the MMA Constitution. It shall not amend, override or diminish any provision of the Constitution nor confer upon any person or body powers that are not expressly or impliedly provided by the Constitution.

In particular—

(a) the constitutional autonomy of the Elections Committee shall be preserved at all times;
(b) the Council shall exercise only those functions conferred upon it by the Constitution and shall not interfere with the operational decisions of the Elections Committee except where expressly authorised by the Constitution;
(c) the Election Review Panel established under this TOR shall exercise a limited supervisory jurisdiction to ensure compliance with the Constitution, the Election Regulations and the principles of natural justice, and shall not function as a general appellate body on the merits of decisions made by the Elections Committee;
(d) the Internal Dispute Resolution mechanism established under Clause 30 of the Constitution shall not be used as an alternative or additional mechanism for reviewing decisions of the Elections Committee or

the Election Review Panel in matters arising from the conduct of elections, except where expressly provided by the Constitution or required by law.

This TOR shall be interpreted purposively to promote democratic governance, constitutional compliance, procedural fairness, transparency, consistency, institutional integrity and public confidence in the electoral process of the Malaysian Medical Association.

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Authority

1.1 Constitutional Authority

These Terms of Reference are prepared by the Elections Committee pursuant to Clause 7 of the Constitution of the Malaysian Medical Association for the purpose of governing the conduct and administration of elections for the principal office bearers of the Association.

These Terms of Reference give practical effect to the constitutional functions of the Elections Committee and shall be read subject to the Constitution. Where any inconsistency arises, the Constitution shall prevail.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of These TOR are to provide a comprehensive framework governing the administration of elections for the principal office bearers of the Association, while preserving the constitutional autonomy of the Elections Committee and ensuring compliance with the MMA Constitution.

1.3 Constitutional Supremacy

This TOR shall at all times be read subject to, and consistently with, the MMA Constitution.

Where any provision of these TOR are inconsistent with the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Nothing contained in these TOR shall be construed as amending, limiting, enlarging or otherwise affecting the powers, duties or functions conferred by the Constitution.

1.4 Status of the TOR

These TOR supplement and operationalises the provisions of the Constitution relating to the conduct of elections.

It shall not create any substantive rights, obligations or powers inconsistent with the Constitution.

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2. Application

2.1 Scope

These TOR shall apply to—

(a) the Elections Committee;
(b) members of the Election Review Panel;
(c) all candidates and nominees;
(d) proposers and seconders;
(e) eligible voters;
(f) authorised election observers;
(g) persons appointed to assist in the conduct of elections; and
(h) every person participating in the administration of MMA elections.

2.2 Elections Covered

These TOR applies to every election conducted under the authority of the MMA Constitution unless otherwise expressly provided.

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3. Objects

The objects of these TOR are to—

(a) preserve the constitutional autonomy and independence of the Elections Committee;
(b) ensure that elections are conducted fairly, impartially, transparently and consistently;
(c) promote compliance with the MMA Constitution and Election Regulations;
(d) provide clear, uniform and transparent procedures governing the conduct of elections;
(e) ensure equal treatment of all candidates and members participating in the electoral process;
(f) safeguard the integrity, confidentiality and security of the voting process;
(g) promote confidence in the electoral process amongst members of the Association;
(h) provide an independent mechanism for the review of election-related decisions within the limits prescribed by These TOR;
(i) ensure that election-related disputes are determined expeditiously and fairly in accordance with the Constitution and the principles of natural justice; and
(j) maintain complete and accurate records of the electoral process.

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4. Guiding Principles

These TOR shall be interpreted and administered in accordance with the following principles—

4.1 Constitutional Supremacy

The Constitution of the Malaysian Medical Association is the supreme governing instrument of the Association and prevails over These TOR and every election-related procedure.

4.2 Autonomy of the Elections Committee

The Elections Committee shall exercise its constitutional powers independently and autonomously.

No person, office bearer, committee or organ of the Association shall direct, influence, interfere with or substitute the operational decisions of the Elections Committee except where expressly authorised by the Constitution.

4.3 Independence

Members of the Elections Committee and the Election Review Panel shall discharge their duties independently, impartially and in good faith.

4.4 Fairness

All candidates and members shall be treated fairly and equally throughout the election process.

4.5 Transparency

Election procedures shall be transparent and conducted in accordance with published rules and timelines.

4.6 Consistency

The Elections Committee shall apply the Constitution, These TOR and the Election Regulations consistently to all candidates and members without favour or discrimination.

4.7 Integrity

Every election shall be conducted honestly, professionally and in a manner that preserves public confidence in the Association.

4.8 Natural Justice

Every person affected by a decision of the Elections Committee shall be afforded procedural fairness, including—

(a) an opportunity to be heard where appropriate;
(b) a decision made by an impartial decision-maker;
(c) adequate reasons for significant decisions where reasonably practicable; and
(d) freedom from actual or apparent bias.

4.9 Confidentiality

Confidential information obtained during the election process shall be protected and used solely for lawful election purposes.

4.10 Finality

Election-related disputes shall be determined promptly so as to preserve certainty and confidence in the electoral process.

The Election Review Panel shall exercise only the jurisdiction conferred by These TOR, and its determination shall be final and binding, subject only to the Constitution and applicable law.

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5. Definitions

In These TOR, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Candidate" means a member whose nomination has been accepted by the Elections Committee.

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Malaysian Medical Association as amended from time to time.

"Council" means the Council of the Malaysian Medical Association constituted under the Constitution.

"Election Committee" means the committee established under Clause 7 of the Constitution.

"Election Cycle" means the period commencing with the publication of the notice calling for nominations and ending with the declaration of election results and completion of all election review proceedings.

"Election Regulations" means any regulations, procedures or directions lawfully issued by the Elections Committee pursuant to the Constitution for the conduct of elections.

"Election Review Panel" means the independent panel established under These TOR to review decisions of the Elections Committee within the limits prescribed by These TOR.

"Eligible Voter" means a member entitled to vote under the Constitution.

"Nominee" means a member whose nomination has been submitted but not yet determined by the Elections Committee.

"Observer" means a person authorised by the Elections Committee to observe any part of the election process.

"Review" means a review conducted by the Election Review Panel in accordance with Part VIII of These TOR and does not include a rehearing or a general appeal on the merits of the decision.

6. Interpretation

6.1 Purposive Interpretation

These TOR shall be interpreted in a manner that gives effect to the objects of the Constitution and preserves the constitutional autonomy of the Elections Committee.

6.2 No Expansion of Constitutional Powers

Nothing contained in These TOR shall be interpreted as conferring upon the Council, the Executive Committee, the Election Review Panel or any other body powers that are not authorised by the Constitution.

6.3 Preservation of Electoral Independence

Where two interpretations of These TOR are reasonably open, the interpretation that best preserves the constitutional independence of the Elections Committee shall be preferred, provided that such interpretation is consistent with the Constitution.

6.4 Internal Dispute Resolution

Nothing contained in These TOR shall permit the Internal Dispute Resolution mechanism established under Clause 30 of the Constitution to be used as a substitute for, or additional review of, decisions of the Elections Committee or the Election Review Panel concerning the conduct of elections, except where expressly provided by the Constitution or required by law.

PART II – THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

7. Constitutional Status

7.1 Establishment

The Elections Committee is established pursuant to Clause 7 of the MMA Constitution as an autonomous committee responsible for the conduct and administration of elections for the principal office bearers of the Association.

7.2 Constitutional Authority

The Elections Committee derives its authority directly from the Constitution.

In exercising its constitutional functions, the Elections Committee shall act independently and shall not be subject to the direction or control of the Council, the Executive Committee, or any other person or body except where expressly provided by the Constitution.

7.3 Autonomy

The autonomy of the Elections Committee shall be respected at all stages of the election process.

No person or body shall interfere with, influence, delay, vary or substitute any decision of the Elections Committee except in accordance with the Constitution and These TOR.

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8. Composition

The composition of the Elections Committee shall be in accordance with Clause 7 of the Constitution.

Every member of the Elections Committee shall—

(a) be a member in good standing of the Association;
(b) not be a member of the Council;
(c) not be a member of any Branch Committee;
(d) not be a candidate for any office in the election concerned;
(e) not actively campaign for or against any candidate; and
(f) discharge his or her duties impartially and independently.

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9. Functions

The Elections Committee shall have responsibility for the conduct of elections and shall exercise all powers reasonably necessary for the proper discharge of its constitutional functions.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Elections Committee shall—

(a) issue notices calling for nominations;
(b) determine election timetables;
(c) prescribe nomination procedures;
(d) verify the constitutional eligibility of nominees;
(e) determine the validity of nominations;
(f) administer campaigning in accordance with the Constitution and Election Regulations;
(g) supervise voting procedures;
(h) safeguard the integrity, confidentiality and security of the voting process;
(i) supervise the counting and verification of votes;
(j) determine election-related complaints arising before the declaration of results;
(k) declare election results;
(l) maintain election records; and
(m) submit such reports to the Council as may be required under the Constitution.

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10. Powers

For the purpose of carrying out its constitutional functions, the Elections Committee may—

(a) issue Election Regulations consistent with the Constitution;
(b) prescribe election forms and procedures;
(c) require nominees to provide documents necessary to establish constitutional eligibility;
(d) seek clarification from candidates, proposers or seconders;
(e) determine questions relating to nominations and election procedures;
(f) issue directions necessary for the orderly conduct of elections;
(g) appoint technical advisers or administrative personnel to assist in conducting elections; and
(h) exercise such incidental powers as are reasonably necessary for the proper administration of elections.

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11. Independence in Decision-Making

11.1 General Principle

Every decision of the Elections Committee shall be made independently and solely in accordance with—

(a) the Constitution;
(b) These TOR;
(c) the Election Regulations; and
(d) the evidence and material properly before the Committee.

11.2 Freedom from External Influence

No member of the Council, Executive Committee, Branch Committee, candidate, office bearer or member of the Association shall seek to influence or interfere with the deliberations or decisions of the Elections Committee.

11.3 Communications

Communications with the Elections Committee concerning matters requiring determination shall be made through the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee.

No person shall communicate privately with an individual member of the Elections Committee for the purpose of influencing any pending decision.

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12. Conflicts of Interest

12.1 Duty to Disclose

A member of the Elections Committee who has an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest in relation to any matter shall immediately disclose that conflict to the Chairman.

12.2 Circumstances Giving Rise to Conflict

Without limitation, a conflict of interest may arise where a member—

(a) is related to a candidate;
(b) has publicly endorsed or campaigned for a candidate;
(c) has a financial or personal interest in the outcome;
(d) has previously acted for or advised a party concerning the matter under consideration; or
(e) has any other interest that may reasonably give rise to an apprehension of bias.

12.3 Recusal

A member who has a conflict of interest shall not participate in—

(a) discussions;
(b) deliberations;
(c) voting; or
(d) decision-making,

relating to that matter.

The remaining members of the Elections Committee may determine whether recusal is required where the existence of a conflict is disputed.

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13. Reasons for Decisions

Where the Elections Committee makes a decision materially affecting the rights or eligibility of a candidate, nominee or member, it shall provide written reasons sufficient to explain—

(a) the decision reached;
(b) the constitutional or regulatory provisions relied upon; and
(c) the principal reasons supporting the decision.

The Committee is not required to provide reasons in respect of routine administrative decisions.

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14. Records of Decisions

The Elections Committee shall maintain proper records of—

(a) meetings;
(b) resolutions;
(c) decisions;
(d) reasons where applicable;
(e) election notices;
(f) nomination determinations;
(g) complaints;
(h) reviews; and
(i) declarations of results.

Such records shall be securely retained as official records of the Association.

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15. Relationship with the Council

15.1 Governance Oversight

The Council shall retain general governance oversight in relation to the electoral framework established by the Constitution.

Such oversight includes—

(a) appointing the Elections Committee in accordance with the Constitution;
(b) approving Election Regulations where the Constitution so requires;
(c) receiving reports from the Elections Committee; and
(d) considering amendments to the Constitution or Election Regulations.

15.2 Operational Independence

The Council shall not—

(a) direct the Elections Committee as to how any nomination, complaint or election-related issue should be determined;
(b) substitute its own decision for that of the Elections Committee;
(c) vary or set aside a decision of the Elections Committee except where expressly authorised by the Constitution; or
(d) interfere with the conduct of an election in progress.

15.3 Respect for Constitutional Functions

The Council, Executive Committee and every office bearer of the Association shall respect the constitutional independence of the Elections Committee in the discharge of its functions.

PART III – ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

16. Election Cycle

16.1 Commencement

The election cycle shall commence upon the publication by the Elections Committee of the Notice of Election calling for nominations.

16.2 Completion

The election cycle shall conclude upon—

(a) the declaration of the election results;
(b) the completion of any review proceedings under Part VIII of These TOR; and
(c) the submission of the Elections Committee's final report to the Council.

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17. Election Timetable

17.1 Publication

The Elections Committee shall publish an Election Timetable before the commencement of the nomination period.

17.2 Contents

The Election Timetable shall specify—

(a) the opening and closing dates for nominations;
(b) the period for verification of nominations;
(c) the publication of the provisional list of candidates;
(d) the period within which an application for review of a nomination decision may be made;
(e) the publication of the final list of candidates;
(f) the commencement and conclusion of the campaign period;
(g) the voting period
(h) the counting of votes;
(i) the declaration of results; and

(j) any other dates considered necessary by the Elections Committee.

17.3 Amendments

The Elections Committee may amend the Election Timetable where reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of the election.

Any amendment shall—

(a) be supported by written reasons;
(b) be communicated promptly to all affected persons; and
(c) apply equally to all candidates.

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18. Notice of Election

The Elections Committee shall issue a Notice of Election inviting nominations for all offices to be filled.

The Notice shall include—

(a) the offices to be contested;
(b) the constitutional eligibility requirements;
(c) nomination procedures;
(d) nomination deadlines;
(e) voting dates;
(f) campaign requirements;
(g) relevant Election Regulations; and
(h) any additional administrative information considered necessary by the Elections Committee.

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19. Nominations

19.1 Submission

Every nomination shall—

(a) be submitted in the prescribed form;
(b) be received within the nomination period;
(c) contain all information required by the Elections Committee;
(d) be proposed and seconded by members who are in the electoral role and eligible under the Constitution; and
(e) include such declarations or supporting documents as may reasonably be required to verify constitutional eligibility.

19.2 Constitutional Eligibility

The Elections Committee shall determine whether every nominee satisfies the eligibility requirements prescribed by the Constitution.

In determining eligibility, the Elections Committee shall apply the Constitution according to its ordinary meaning, having regard to its text, context and purpose.

The Elections Committee shall not waive, vary or dispense with any constitutional eligibility requirement.

19.3 Verification

The Elections Committee may—

(a) verify membership records;
(b) examine Council service records;
(c) seek clarification from nominees;
(d) request supporting documents; and
(e) undertake such enquiries as are reasonably necessary to determine constitutional eligibility.

19.4 Determination

Following verification, the Elections Committee shall determine whether—

(a) the nomination is valid;
(b) further information is required; or
(c) the nomination is invalid.

The decision of the Elections Committee shall be communicated promptly to the nominee together with the reasons required under Part II of These TOR.

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20. Publication of Candidates

Upon completion of the nomination process, the Elections Committee shall publish—

(a) the provisional list of eligible candidates;
(b) any offices remaining uncontested; and
(c) the date upon which the final list of candidates will be published.

Where an application for review has been lodged under Part VIII, publication of the final list shall await the determination of that application.

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21. Candidate Withdrawal

A candidate may withdraw from an election by giving written notice to the Elections Committee before the commencement of voting.

The Elections Committee shall promptly notify members of any withdrawal.

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22. Candidate Information

The Elections Committee may publish—

(a) candidate profiles;
(b) manifestos;
(c) declarations of interest;
(d) photographs; and
(e) other election materials,

provided that every candidate is afforded equal opportunity and equal treatment.

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23. Confidentiality of Nomination Process

Until the publication of the provisional list of candidates—

(a) nominations;
(b) supporting documents;
(c) verification records;
(d) deliberations of the Elections Committee; and
(e) correspondence relating to nominations,

shall remain confidential except where disclosure is authorised by the Constitution, required by law, or necessary for the proper administration of the election.

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24. Equality of Treatment

The Elections Committee shall administer every election so as to ensure—

(a) equality of opportunity;
(b) consistency of decision-making;
(c) impartial application of the Constitution and Election Regulations;
(d) procedural fairness; and

(e) the avoidance of actual or perceived favouritism.

No candidate shall receive preferential treatment.

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25. Administrative Directions

The Elections Committee may issue administrative directions necessary for the orderly conduct of elections.

Administrative directions—

(a) shall be consistent with the Constitution, These TOR and the Election Regulations;
(b) shall not alter any constitutional eligibility requirement;
(c) shall apply equally to all candidates; and
(d) shall be published where they materially affect the conduct of the election.

PART IV – CAMPAIGNING AND ELECTION CONDUCT

26. Campaign Principles

26.1 Equal Opportunity

Every eligible candidate shall be afforded an equal opportunity to present his or her qualifications, experience, vision and policies to the membership.

26.2 Fair Campaigning

Campaigning shall be conducted fairly, honestly, professionally and with respect for fellow candidates and members.

All candidates shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the values, dignity and reputation of the Malaysian Medical Association.

26.3 Compliance

Every candidate shall comply with—

(a) the MMA Constitution;
(b) These TOR;
(c) the Election Regulations;
(d) lawful directions issued by the Elections Committee; and
(e) any applicable policies governing the use of Association resources.

27. Campaign Period

27.1 Commencement

Campaigning shall commence only after the Elections Committee has published the final list of eligible candidates.

27.2 Conclusion

Campaigning shall cease at the commencement of the voting period unless otherwise authorised by the Elections Committee.

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28. Permitted Campaign Activities

Candidates may—

(a) publish manifestos;
(b) distribute campaign materials;
(c) communicate with members through lawful means;
(d) participate in candidate forums organised or approved by the Elections Committee;
(e) respond to questions from members; and
(f) undertake any other lawful campaign activity consistent with These TOR.

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29. Equal Access

Where the Elections Committee provides candidates with access to Association communication platforms or election-related facilities, such access shall be provided on an equal and non-discriminatory basis.

No candidate shall receive preferential access to Association resources.

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30. Use of Association Resources

Association funds, assets, databases, mailing lists, official publications, staff, facilities and electronic communication systems shall not be used to confer an unfair electoral advantage upon any candidate.

Official MMA communication channels shall not be used to promote or oppose any candidate unless expressly authorised by the Elections Committee for election purposes and applied equally to all candidates.

31. Campaign Standards

Candidates shall not—

(a) knowingly publish or disseminate false or misleading statements concerning another candidate;
(b) make statements intended to intimidate, threaten or harass another candidate or member;
(c) engage in personal attacks unrelated to a candidate's suitability for office;
(d) improperly use confidential information obtained through the Association;
(e) falsely represent the endorsement or support of the Association or any of its organs;
(f) misuse the Association's name or logo in a manner likely to mislead members;
(g) offer gifts, inducements, financial benefits or other improper incentives in exchange for electoral support;
(h) interfere with the proper conduct of the election.

Nothing in this clause prevents robust, respectful and evidence-based debate concerning policies, governance or matters affecting the Association.

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32. Campaign Materials

Candidates shall remain responsible for the accuracy and content of all campaign materials published or distributed on their behalf.

The Elections Committee may prescribe reasonable requirements relating to—

(a) format;
(b) length;
(c) submission deadlines; and
(d) publication procedures,

provided such requirements are applied uniformly to all candidates.

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33. Candidate Forums

The Elections Committee may organise candidate forums, debates or presentations.

Where such forums are organised—

(a) every candidate contesting the same office shall be afforded an equal opportunity to participate;
(b) questions shall be administered fairly;
(c) proceedings shall be conducted impartially; and
(d) reasonable time limits may be imposed.

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34. Election Complaints During Campaign

34.1 Jurisdiction

The Elections Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine complaints arising during the campaign period relating to—

(a) campaign conduct;
(b) election materials;
(c) candidate eligibility;
(d) election procedures; and
(e) compliance with These TOR or the Election Regulations.

34.2 Complaints

Any complaint shall—

(a) be submitted in writing;
(b) identify the conduct complained of;
(c) provide supporting evidence where available; and
(d) be lodged within the time prescribed by the Elections Committee.

34.3 Determination

The Elections Committee may—

(a) dismiss the complaint;
(b) seek further information;
(c) provide the affected candidate an opportunity to respond;
(d) issue directions necessary to remedy any procedural irregularity;
(e) require correction or withdrawal of campaign material that contravenes These TOR or the Election Regulations; or
(f) make any other order reasonably necessary to preserve the integrity and fairness of the election.

The Elections Committee shall provide brief written reasons for any determination materially affecting the rights of a candidate.

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35. Compliance with Directions

Every candidate shall comply promptly with any lawful direction issued by the Elections Committee concerning the conduct of the election.

Failure to comply may constitute grounds for further action by the Elections Committee in accordance with the Constitution, These TOR and the Election Regulations.

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36. Preservation of Electoral Integrity

The Elections Committee shall take such reasonable steps as are necessary to preserve—

(a) the integrity of the election;
(b) equality between candidates;
(c) public confidence in the electoral process; and
(d) compliance with the Constitution, These TOR and the Election Regulations.

In exercising these powers, the Elections Committee shall act proportionately and shall not restrict lawful campaigning except where reasonably necessary to protect the integrity and fairness of the election.

Excellent. This Part completes the operational responsibilities of the Elections Committee. I have also deliberately made the **declaration of results by the Elections Committee authoritative**, subject only to the limited review jurisdiction that we will establish later for the Election Review Panel.

I have **not** included any role for Council in certifying or confirming the results because Clause 7 does not confer such a role.

PART VI – COUNTING OF VOTES, DECLARATION OF RESULTS AND CERTIFICATION

50. Counting of Votes

50.1 Responsibility

The Elections Committee shall be solely responsible for the counting, verification and certification of all votes cast.

50.2 Counting Process

The counting of votes shall be conducted in a manner that is—

(a) accurate;
(b) transparent;
(c) secure;
(d) verifiable; and

(e) consistent with the Constitution, These TOR and the Election Regulations.

50.3 Integrity of the Count

The Elections Committee shall ensure that appropriate safeguards are in place to maintain the integrity of the counting process, including verification of vote totals and reconciliation of voting records where applicable.

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51. Scrutineers

51.1 Appointment

The Elections Committee may appoint independent scrutineers to observe the counting of votes.

51.2 Role

Scrutineers shall—

(a) observe the counting process;
(b) verify compliance with approved procedures;
(c) report any procedural concerns to the Elections Committee; and
(d) maintain strict confidentiality.

Scrutineers shall not participate in decision-making or interfere with the counting process.

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52. Verification of Results

Before declaring the results, the Elections Committee shall verify—

(a) the total number of votes cast;
(b) the validity of the votes counted;
(c) the reconciliation of vote totals;
(d) the accuracy of the counting process; and
(e) that any identified irregularities have been appropriately addressed.

The Elections Committee may repeat any stage of the verification process where it considers this necessary to ensure the integrity of the election.

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53. Recount

53.1 Discretionary Recount

Where the Elections Committee considers that a recount is necessary to verify the accuracy of the result, it may conduct a recount on its own initiative.

53.2 Mandatory Recount

The Elections Committee shall conduct a recount where—

(a) a counting error is identified;
(b) there is credible evidence that the declared vote totals may be inaccurate; or
(c) exceptional circumstances exist that may materially affect the election outcome.

The decision whether to conduct a recount shall rest solely with the Elections Committee.

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54. Declaration of Results

Upon completion of the counting and verification process, the Elections Committee shall declare the election results.

The declaration shall include—

(a) the office contested;
(b) the successful candidate;
(c) the number of votes received by each candidate where appropriate;
(d) any uncontested offices; and
(e) any additional information the Elections Committee considers appropriate.

The declaration of results shall constitute the official election outcome unless subsequently varied by the Election Review Panel in accordance with Part VIII of These TOR.

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55. Certification of Election

Following the declaration of results, the Elections Committee shall certify that the election has been conducted in accordance with—

(a) the MMA Constitution;
(b) These TOR;
(c) the Election Regulations; and
(d) the principles of fairness and natural justice.

Where the Elections Committee identifies any material irregularity affecting the integrity of the election, it shall take such corrective action as is authorised by the Constitution and These TOR before issuing its certification.

56. Correction of Administrative Errors

The Elections Committee may correct any clerical, computational or administrative error that does not materially affect the outcome of the election.

Where the correction materially affects the declared result, the Elections Committee shall provide written reasons and notify all affected candidates and members.

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57. Election Records

The Elections Committee shall maintain complete records of the election, including—

(a) nomination forms;
(b) candidate declarations;
(c) correspondence;
(d) voting records;
(e) counting sheets;
(f) audit reports;
(g) recount reports;
(h) decisions and written reasons;
(i) declarations of results; and
(j) any other records relevant to the conduct of the election.

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58. Retention of Records

Election records shall be securely retained for a minimum period of seven (7) years or for such longer period as may be required by law or by the Constitution.

Access to election records shall be restricted to persons authorised by the Elections Committee, except where disclosure is required by law or authorised under These TOR.

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59. Final Election Report

Within a reasonable time after the completion of the election process, the Elections Committee shall prepare a Final Election Report for submission to the Council.

The report may include—

(a) a summary of the election process;
(b) the declared election results;
(c) any procedural issues encountered;
(d) recommendations for improving future elections;
(e) any amendments proposed to the Election Regulations or These TOR.

The Final Election Report shall be informational in nature.

Neither the submission nor receipt of the Report shall confer upon the Council any authority to review, vary or overturn any operational decision or determination of the Elections Committee made during the conduct of the election.

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60. Completion of Election

The conduct of the election shall be deemed complete upon—

(a) the declaration of the election results;
(b) the determination of any review proceedings under Part VIII;
(c) the certification of the election by the Elections Committee; and
(d) the submission of the Final Election Report.

Upon completion of the election, the decisions of the Elections Committee shall be final, subject only to the limited review jurisdiction of the Election Review Panel established under Part VIII of These TOR.

PART VII – ELECTION REVIEW PANEL

61. Establishment

61.1 Election Review Panel

An independent Election Review Panel ("ERP") shall be established for the sole purpose of reviewing decisions of the Elections Committee in accordance with this Part.

61.2 Constitutional Purpose

The Election Review Panel is established to safeguard constitutional compliance while preserving the autonomy and independence of the Elections Committee.

It shall not function as a general appellate body or substitute its own judgment for that of the Elections Committee on matters properly within the Committee's discretion.

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62. Composition

62.1 Membership

The Election Review Panel shall comprise three (3) members appointed by the Council.

Members of the Panel shall—

(a) be Life Members of good standing and preferably have served as principal office bearers of Malaysian Medical Association before;
(b) not be members of the Elections Committee;
(c) not be members of the Council or Executive Committee;
(d) not be candidates in the election under review;
(e) have no actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest.

62.2 Chairperson

The members shall elect one member to serve as Chairperson of the Election Review Panel.

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63. Jurisdiction

The Election Review Panel shall have jurisdiction only in respect of decisions of the Elections Committee.

Its jurisdiction is supervisory in nature and is confined to determining whether a decision of the Elections Committee—

(a) is inconsistent with the MMA Constitution;
(b) exceeds the constitutional powers of the Elections Committee;
(c) contravenes the Election Regulations;
(d) is affected by a material breach of the principles of natural justice; or
(e) is affected by a material procedural irregularity capable of affecting the outcome of the decision.

The Panel shall not review the merits of a decision merely because it would have reached a different conclusion.

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64. Right to Apply for Review

A nominee, candidate or member directly affected by a decision of the Elections Committee may submit an application for review.

No person may seek a review solely on the basis of disagreement with the merits of the decision.

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65. Time for Application

An application for review shall be submitted in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the applicant receiving notification of the Elections Committee's decision unless the Election Review Panel is satisfied that exceptional circumstances justify an extension.

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66. Contents of Application

Every application shall—

(a) identify the decision under review;
(b) specify the constitutional or procedural grounds relied upon;
(c) include supporting documents;
(d) specify the relief sought;
(e) be signed by the applicant.

Applications based upon general dissatisfaction or disagreement with the decision shall not be accepted.

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67. Preliminary Assessment

The Chairperson may summarily dismiss an application where—

(a) the Panel has no jurisdiction;
(b) the application is frivolous or vexatious;
(c) no recognised ground of review has been disclosed;
(d) the application is out of time and no extension is granted.

Reasons shall be provided for every summary dismissal.

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68. Review Procedure

The Election Review Panel shall determine the procedure appropriate to each review. It may—

(a) determine the matter on the documents;
(b) invite written submissions;
(c) convene an oral hearing where necessary;
(d) obtain clarification from the Elections Committee;
(e) seek additional documents;
(f) seek advise of the Constitution and Resolution Review Committee on Constitutional matters if necessary

Proceedings shall be conducted fairly, expeditiously and with as little formality as circumstances permit.

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69. Powers

Following its review, the Election Review Panel may—

(a) affirm the decision of the Elections Committee;
(b) remit the matter to the Elections Committee for reconsideration with directions consistent with the Constitution;
(c) vary the decision only to the extent necessary to remedy a constitutional or procedural error;
(d) set aside the decision where it is satisfied that the decision—

i. is inconsistent with the Constitution;
ii. exceeds the powers conferred upon the Elections Committee;
iii. contravenes the Election Regulations;
iv. is affected by a material denial of natural justice; or
v. is affected by a material procedural irregularity that has caused or is likely to have caused substantial injustice.

The Election Review Panel shall not substitute its own view on matters committed to the discretion of the Elections Committee unless necessary to remedy one of the grounds specified above.

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70. Written Reasons

Every determination of the Election Review Panel shall—

(a) be in writing;
(b) identify the issues considered;
(c) state the grounds upon which the determination is made;
(d) specify the orders made.

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71. Finality

The determination of the Election Review Panel shall be final and binding upon—

(a) the Elections Committee;
(b) the Council;
(c) the Executive Committee;
(d) every candidate;
(e) every applicant; and

(f) every member of the Association.

There shall be no further internal appeal or review.

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72. Relationship with Clause 30 of the Constitution

The Election Review Panel established under These TOR constitutes the exclusive internal mechanism for reviewing decisions of the Elections Committee.

The Internal Dispute Resolution mechanism established under Clause 30 of the MMA Constitution shall not be invoked as an appeal or review against a decision of the Elections Committee or the Election Review Panel concerning the conduct of elections.

Nothing in this clause prevents a complaint under Clause 30 concerning conduct unrelated to the determination of election matters where such complaint falls properly within the scope of Clause 30 of the Constitution.

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73. Costs

Each party shall bear its own costs unless the Election Review Panel determines that an application is frivolous, vexatious or an abuse of process.

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74. Confidentiality

Review proceedings shall remain confidential unless the Election Review Panel determines that disclosure is necessary in the interests of fairness or transparency.

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75. Publication

The Election Review Panel may publish a summary of its determination where it considers that publication will assist future interpretation of the Constitution or promote consistency in election administration.

Personal or confidential information shall be redacted where appropriate.

Discussion by the Members:

(a) The Proposer, **Dr. Ravindran R. Naidu (Perak)** explained that the Elections Committee had developed formal terms of reference in response to concerns regarding the transparency,

governance and administration of MMA elections. He stated that the proposed terms of reference were intended to promote fair, transparent and credible elections, safeguard against procedural ambiguities and support an inclusive and professionally managed electoral process. The resolution sought the formal adoption and implementation of the **MMA Election Governance Terms of Reference**, subject at all times to the overriding provisions of the MMA Constitution.

(b) **Prof. Dr. Lim Thiam Aun (Selangor**) sought clarification as to whether any subsequent amendments to the terms of reference would need to be brought back to the House, given that the document was being adopted by resolution.

(c) The Proposer explained that the document was being adopted as a resolution and that, while resolutions were not necessarily binding in the same manner as constitutional provisions, MMA generally observed resolutions passed by the House. He stated that Council retained the authority to modify the terms of reference where necessary in the interests of the Association.

(d) **Dr. Liew Boon Seng (Selangor)** suggested that the reference to **"Version 2.0"** in the resolution be removed, as any subsequent amendments would result in a different version. The Proposer agreed to the removal of the version number.

REVISED RESOLUTION

"THAT the Malaysian Medical Association Election Governance Terms of Reference (TOR), be and is hereby formally adopted and approved for implementation, and that this TOR shall take effect immediately, subject always to the overriding provisions of the MMA Constitution."

(e) **Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah)** expressed support for the adoption of the MMA Election Governance Terms of Reference, noting that the establishment of formal election governance provisions was long overdue. However, he drew the attention of the House to the inclusion of an Election Review Panel in the Terms of Reference, particularly as Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1, which sought to establish such a panel, had earlier been rejected by the House. He emphasised that the Terms of Reference should contain a clear provision stating that they must not override or supersede the provisions of the MMA Constitution or the authority of the MMA Council. He requested that the relevant provisions be reviewed to ensure consistency with the Constitution and the decisions of the House.

(f) Dr. Timothy further drew attention to Clause 71 – Finality of the Elections Terms of Reference, which provides that the determination of the Election Review Panel shall be final and binding upon the Elections Committee, Council, Executive Committee, every candidate, every applicant and every member of the Association, with no further internal appeal or review. He pointed out that the provision appeared to substantially replicate the substance of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 1, which had been rejected earlier in the meeting, and urged the President and Council to review Clause 71 carefully before proceeding with the adoption of the Terms of

Reference. The President (2026/2027) took note of this and the relevant parties will be informed accordingly.

(g) **Dr. Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim (Selangor)** acknowledged the concern and stated that, as the provision was contained in the terms of reference rather than the Constitution, Council would have the authority to review and modify it.

The revised resolution was put to a vote.

VOTING RESULT
Accepted: (81 votes) 86.17%
Rejected: (13 votes) 13.83%

Proposed Resolution 5 was passed.

For your information.

16.7 The President (2026/2027) expressed appreciation to Dr. Mohamed Namazie Ibrahim and President-Elect (2026/2027) Dr. S. Selvarajah Sathaya, representing the Constitution and Resolutions Review Committee (CRRC), for the considerable time and effort devoted to reviewing the proposed Constitutional Amendments and resolutions. The House recorded its appreciation with a round of applause.

16.8 Dr. Gayathri K.Kumarasuriar (MMA Melaka) enquired where the resolutions passed at the AGM were kept and how members could access resolutions from previous years. The HGS (2026/2027) informed the House that the resolutions would be recorded in the AGM minutes, which would be circulated after the AGM. The HGS further agreed to make them available on the MMA Website.

16.9 Datuk Dr Teoh Siang Chin (Melaka) suggested that MMA consider compiling previous resolutions in a systematic manner, classified by year and subject matter, to facilitate future reference.

16.10 The IPP (2026/2027) acknowledged the importance of ensuring that the MMA Constitution remained relevant and future-proof. He commented, however, that greater time and attention could be devoted during future AGMs to substantive policy matters and position papers concerning issues affecting the medical profession and healthcare. Drawing from his observations of medical associations overseas, including those in the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States, he noted that such organisations devoted considerable attention to policy discussions and position papers on emerging issues, including artificial intelligence and medical ethics. He further observed that an increasing number of younger members were participating in the AGM and expressed the hope that the younger generation would become more actively involved in discussions on policy matters and position papers. He emphasised that greater engagement in these areas would enable MMA to address issues of broader relevance to the medical profession and society. The President agreed with the observations raised by the IPP.

For your information.

17. TO DECIDE ON THE VENUE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17.1 MMA Melaka formally expressed its interest in hosting the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2027 and the 67th MMA Annual General Meeting. The bid was presented by Dr Soh Yih Harng, Chairman of MMA Melaka for the 2026/2027 term.

17.2 The President (2026/2027) congratulated MMA Melaka and formally announced that MMA Melaka would host the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2027 and the 67th MMA Annual General Meeting.

17.3 Mejar (K) Dato' Dr. Hari Ram A/L Ramayya, Chairman of MMA Perlis for the 2026/2027 term, enquired whether MMA Perlis could host the subsequent MMA AGM (National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2028 and the 68th MMA Annual General Meeting) at a venue located in a neighbouring state, such as Kedah, due to the limited availability of large hotels and conference facilities in Perlis. A suggestion was made for the event to be co-hosted with MMA Kedah. However, Dato' Dr. Hari Ram indicated that MMA Perlis preferred to host the event independently, with the venue location being its only concern.

17.4 The President (2026/2027) clarified that hosting the event in a different state would not pose an issue and that there was no restriction under the MMA Constitution in this regard. Following this clarification, MMA Perlis tentatively expressed its interest in hosting the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2028 and the 68th MMA Annual General Meeting, subject to confirmation of a suitable venue.

17.5 The President (2026/2027) thanked MMA Perlis for its enthusiasm and willingness to host the event.

For your information.

18. OTHER MATTTERS

18.1 Mandate to Review and Revise the MMA Constitution

(a) The President (2026/2027), Dr. Sivanaesan A/L Letchuman (Selangor) returned to the earlier discussion on the comprehensive review of the MMA Constitution and sought the House's agreement to mandate the 67th MMA Council to undertake a comprehensive review of the Constitution and to establish an appropriate task force or committee for this purpose following the first Council meeting of the 2026/2027 term.

(b) The President (2026/2027) reiterated that the proposed review was intended to ensure that the Constitution remained coherent, consistent, practical and aligned with the current needs of the

Association. He assured the House that all amendments discussed during the AGM, including those that had been withdrawn, would be taken into consideration as part of the comprehensive review.

(c) The House was invited to indicate whether there were any objections to the proposed mandate.

(d) There being no objection from the floor, the President (2026/2027) took the House as having mandated the Council to proceed with the comprehensive review of the MMA Constitution and to establish a task force or committee for this purpose.

For your information.

18.2 Member Participation in MMA Elections

(a) Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran A/L Nadason@Darzin (Selangor) raised concerns regarding the level of participation of MMA members in the Association's elections. He stated that he had been waiting for an opportunity to raise the matter and wished to highlight the importance of member participation in the election of MMA office bearers. He noted that MMA had a membership of more than 14,000 members, but that only slightly over 2,000 members had participated in the recent election. He expressed concern that the relatively low voter turnout could affect the ability of the Association to obtain broad participation from its membership in determining its leadership.

(b) Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran emphasised that the election of office bearers was an important responsibility of MMA members, as the elected office bearers would be entrusted to represent the membership, serve the profession and contribute to the future direction of the Association. He encouraged members, including senior members and those who had previously contributed to MMA, to continue participating actively in the Association's electoral process.

(c) He further referred to the concern raised earlier regarding the duration of the electronic voting period. He noted that doctors often have demanding clinical responsibilities, including being involved in surgery and other professional duties, and therefore welcomed the availability of electronic voting, which allowed members to vote conveniently without having to attend a physical polling venue. He stressed that the electronic voting process could be completed within a short period and encouraged members to make use of available breaks during their working day to cast their votes. He observed that, unlike certain other professional elections where members may be required to attend physically and complete additional procedures, MMA's electronic voting system enabled members to participate remotely and conveniently.

(d) Datuk Dr Gana Baskaran urged the leadership of MMA to communicate more actively with members regarding the importance of voting and to encourage greater participation in future elections. He reiterated that the Association's office bearers could effectively serve the membership only when members actively participated in the process of electing their representatives. He concluded by emphasising that the participation of members in elections was important for maintaining continuity in the leadership of MMA and ensuring that the contributions and efforts of senior members and past leaders of the Association continued to be carried forward.

For your information.

18.3 Presentation by Malaysian Aviation Group (MAG)

(a) The meeting noted that, on the first day of the AGM (11th September 2026), Mr. Luis from Malaysian Aviation Group (MAG) delivered a special presentation on the collaboration between MAG and MMA.

(b) Following the presentation, the President (2025/2026) thanked Mr. Luis and informed members that further communication regarding the collaboration would be coordinated by the Honorary General Secretary (HGS) Office.

(c) The HGS (2025/2026) informed members that full details of the collaboration would be circulated in due course. It was also noted that MMA currently has two travel partners, namely:

- Batik Air; and
- Malaysia Airlines / Malaysian Aviation Group (MAG)

For your information.

18.4 Presentation by Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien, the Programme Director of Sepeda Amal Borneo (SAB) 2026.

(a) Dr. Timothy Cheng Tsin Jien (Sabah) presented a summary of the Sepeda Amal Borneo (SAB) 2026, highlighting that the initiative had entered its fifth year. He expressed appreciation to all members and supporters who had contributed to the initiative and explained that the presentation was intended to provide accountability to members regarding the utilisation and impact of funds raised through the programme.

(b) He informed the House that SAB 2026 covered a cycling route of approximately 680 kilometres from Kota Kinabalu to Miri. The event was greatly supported by Dr. John Emmanuel A/L Gilbert Fernandez from MMA Perak, with the Malaysian Association of Paediatric Surgery (MAPS) and the Persatuan Pesakit Imunodefisiensi Primer Malaysia (MYPOPI) being the two organisations which funds raised through the initiative channelled to support the work of these organisations and the patients they serve.

(c) Dr Timothy reported that the initiative had raised approximately RM1.2 million during its first four years, with a further RM280,000 raised in 2026, bringing the cumulative amount raised over five years to more than RM1.4 million.

(d) He emphasised that the achievement was the result of a collective team effort and acknowledged the contributions of the MMA leadership, SCHOMOS Secretariat, including Ika and Syarah, the medical and logistical support teams, sponsors and other members of the organising team.

(e) He highlighted the support provided throughout the cycling expedition, including ambulance standby services by KPJ, police escorts along the route, and accommodation and hospitality provided by various individuals and organisations. The cycling team travelled through varying weather conditions and crossed Labuan and Brunei during the journey.

(f) Dr Timothy also highlighted the visit to a paediatric surgical patient during the programme. He explained that such visits were intended to provide the participating riders, many of whom were not medical professionals, with a better understanding of the patients and beneficiaries for whom the funds were being raised.

(g) The programme concluded in Miri, with the collection ceremony held at Pullman Miri. He recorded his appreciation to Pullman for sponsoring the accommodation for the team for two nights. He also acknowledged the contributions of the various sponsors and informed members that donations for SAB 2026 remained open until the end of September 2026.

(h) Dr Timothy thanked all members for their continued support and concluded the presentation.

For your information.

19. CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

19.1 The President (2026/2027) thanked Dr Timothy Cheng and the entire SAB team for their work and contribution to the success of the initiative, noting that SAB had reached its fifth year. For the record, the President also acknowledged the generous contributions made by the MMA Foundation towards the initiative and expressed appreciation to the Chairman of the MMA Foundation, who was present at the AGM.

19.2 The President (2026/2027) confirmed that MMA Melaka would host the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2027 and the 67th MMA Annual General Meeting. He also acknowledged the interest expressed by MMA Perlis to host the subsequent AGM and thanked MMA Perlis for its willingness to undertake the hosting responsibilities.

19.3 The President (2026/2027) informed members that the next Council meeting would be held at 9.00 a.m. the following morning.

19.4 The President (2026/2027) also reminded members of the MMA Annual Dinner scheduled for the evening, at which the Director-General of Health would be the Guest of Honour. Members were requested to be at the hotel by 7.00 p.m. The President informed the House that entertainment had been arranged for the evening and that the dinner programme would commence at 7.00 p.m., with the Director-General of Health expected to arrive at approximately 7.30 p.m. As the Director-General would subsequently be travelling to Penang, the programme would accommodate his departure at approximately 9.00 p.m. The President expressed appreciation to the Director-General for making the effort to attend the dinner despite his official travel commitments.

19.5 The President (2026/2027) then expressed his sincere appreciation to MMA Perak for hosting the National MMA Convention and Scientific Congress 2026 and the 66th MMA AGM and commended the Branch for its warm hospitality, excellent organisation and attention to detail throughout the event. He acknowledged the substantial efforts undertaken by the organising committee and members working behind the scenes to ensure the smooth conduct of the AGM. The President congratulated and thanked the MMA Perak Organising Committee for their dedication and tireless efforts and invited all members of the Organising Committee to stand and be recognised. The House responded with a round of applause in appreciation of their contributions.

19.6 The President (2026/2027) then expressed his appreciation to all members for their participation and cooperation throughout the AGM. He noted that the extensive discussion and consideration of the Constitutional Amendments and other resolutions had been completed smoothly and expressed relief that it had not been necessary to extend the AGM into the following morning. He informed the House that extending the AGM by an additional day would have resulted in an estimated additional expenditure of approximately RM45,000, and thanked members for their understanding and cooperation, particularly those who had proposed and subsequently withdrawn amendments in the interest of completing the business of the AGM.

19.7 The President (2026/2027) also thanked all members who had participated throughout the proceedings and acknowledged their commitment and perseverance in remaining for the extended duration of the AGM.

19.8 Thereafter, in accordance with the customary formal proceedings, the President (2026/2027) declared the 66th Malaysian Medical Association Annual General Meeting closed.

19.9 The meeting was accordingly concluded. at 4.30 p.m.



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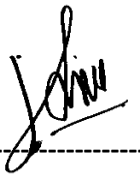

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