



## THE ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY HONG KONG ASSOCIATION

### Aberdeen University Hong Kong Association Extraordinary General Meeting 2013

**Date:** 15 October 2013 (Wed)

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Venue:** VIP Room, Hong Kong Football Club, 3, Sports Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

**Present:**

Marshall Bryes (MB), KK Chan (KC), Kalmond Ma (KM), Edward Lam (EdL), Garland Liu (GL), Eric Liu (EL), Mingchuan Woo (MW), Cammy So (CS), Carol Law (CL), Caterina Yu (CY), Raymond Chan (RC), Eva Cheng (EC), Michael Fung (MF), Sarah Keung (SK)

**Absent with apologies:**

Margaret Lo (ML), Marcus Ip (MI)

#### **EGM**

**1. Confirmation of minutes of last AGM held on 18 January 2012**

Moved by EdL and seconded by RC, the minutes was confirmed with no objection.

**2. Proposed amendments to the Constitution of AUHKA**

KK explained that this meeting was an EGM but not an AGM was due to the specific requirement of holding an AGM as written in the constitution of AUHKA; therefore, the committee would like to amend the constitution such that an AGM can be hold at a more flexible date. Further discussions were made on the annual renewal of AUHKA membership and the number of paid-up membership (not including life-long membership) for calling an AGM/EGM. It is agreed that the membership renewal form along with the Chairman's report should be sent out to all members near the end of the year. Membership applications could be submitted to the Chairman, Secretary or the Financial Secretary, and a receipt should be issued in return. In summary, the proposed amendments of the constitution are listed below:

- i. In item 4.1, delete "*during the first three months of*".
- ii. In item 4.2, delete "*by post*" and change "...quorum shall be one quarter of the paid-up membership" to "...quorum shall be one fifth of the paid-up membership"
- iii. In item 4.4, change "...bearing the signatures of one third of the membership..." to "...bearing the signatures of one fourth of the membership...".



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The proposed amendments was moved by MW and seconded by EdL. The Meeting unanimously resolved to approve the above proposed amendments. (Please refer to the *AUHKA Constitution revised on 20131015*).

### **2. Chairman's Report**

KK delivered his Chairman's Report (for details please refer to the *AUHKA Chairman's Report 2012/13*) by first reporting that the Scottish Evening organized in 2012 was very successful and is so far the most impressive one since he joined AUHKA. Lord Wilson, the Principal Prof. Diamond, Aunty Jean and Uncle Sandy, together with more than 150 alumni and friends, participated in the event. However, since the Principal of AU has no plan to visit Hong Kong this year, it is likely that AUHKA will organize another Scottish Evening next year (or at a frequency of once every two years).

KK further reported the activities held during 2012 and 2013, including the establishment of the Lord Wilson scholarship by AU, the reception dinner for Steve Cannon, guided tour in Tai O and the farewell dinner for Granite Pearls departing for the UK.

Finally, KK reported that AUHKA had just successfully secured full financial support, with two-thirds from the Swire Educational Trust (SET) and the remaining from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), for the AUHKA scholarship scheme in the following academic year. The promotion campaign of the scholarship will launch as soon as possible.

### **3. Financial Report**

CL presented the financial report of the AUHKA for 2012 – 2013 (for details please refer to the *AUHKA Financial Report 2012/13*). In addition, CL suggested cancelation of the Time Deposit Account due to the small amount of money deposited and the wastage of paper resources caused by the monthly bank statement issued. EdL moved the cancellation suggestion and seconded by RC, with no other objections.

### **4. Report on scholarship and scholarship trust**

Following up KK's brief report on the scholarship, KM explained the current AUHKA scholarship status in detail. No candidate was selected for last year and this year due to some changes in the partnership with Chevening Scholarship. Knowing that the management of the Chevening Scholarship switched from British Council to the Association of the Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the scholarship was opened for application, the AUHKA quickly arranged a meeting with the FCO, ACU and SET to establish the connections again. After all the effort made, the Memorandum of Understanding was endorsed and the funding for the scholarship was secured. ML already drafted a promotion flyer and it is ready to be sent out to universities and professional



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bodies. MW will assist the promotion on AUHKA's website.

### **5. Activities Report**

CS presented the activities report of the AUHKA for 2012 – 2013 and for details, please refer to *AUHKA Activities Report 2012/13*.

### **6. Plan for social activities in 2014**

CS briefly reported the coming activities for 2013, which includes the visit to Kadoorie Farm and Botanic garden in mid-November. CS is also planning a trip to Macau in 2014 with the assistance from RC. Another Scottish Evening may likely to be organized in 2014, and hopefully there will be a farewell dinner for the next AUHKA scholar. KM reported that the AU alumni relationship office is willing to help AUHKA for activity promotion through their alumni network. Besides, CS is currently working on the Facebook fan page for AUHKA and will notify the committee when it is ready.

### **7. Election of Committee Members for 2013/14**

KM will step down as the Vice-chairman (scholarship affairs) and the work will be handed over to ML, but KM would still remain in the committee. GL would like to opt out from the committee due to her busy schedule. KK is prepared to be the Chairman for another year and then step-down; while EdL is seriously considering to take this up afterwards. CS and SK were nominated by KM to be the Vice-chairlady and the Activity Secretary respectively, and were seconded by EdL. No changes were made to the remaining office bearers of the AUHKA committee.

### **8. Any Other Business**

The EGM was closed at 7:30pm and progressed to AUHKA Home-welcoming Dinner. .

(Minutes taken by MW)

**Endorsed by**

*(The Original signed)*

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**CHAN Kin Ki**

**Chairman of AUHKA 2013**