

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)
OF PERTUBUHAN AKITEK MALAYSIA HELD ON SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 2009
AT 12.30 P.M. AT SIME DARBY CONVENTION CENTRE, BUKIT KIARA,
KUALA LUMPUR**

Present

Past Presidents

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| 1. Prof Dato' Ar Chin Wai Yeong | 6. Prof Ar Dr Jimmy Lim Cheok Siang |
| 2. Dato' Ar Esa bin Hj Mohamed | 7. Ar Szeto Kok Yin |
| 3. Ar Haji Hajeedar bin Haji Abdul Majid | 8. Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun |
| 4. Ar Paul Lai Chu | 9. Ar David Teh Teik Lim |
| 5. Ar Henry Lee Inn Seong | 10. Dato' Ar Kenneth Yeang King Mun |

Corporate Members

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| 1. Ar Abdul Halim bin Suhor | 37. Ar Lin You Nan |
| 2. Ar Abdul Kahar Bin Abdul Ghaffar | 38. Ar Loi Teik Yee @ Low Teck Yee |
| 3. Ar Abdul Razak Bin Sofian, Dr | 39. Ar Low Ai Ling |
| 4. Ar Abu Zarim Bin Abu Bakar | 40. Ar Low Jeat Ghee, Patrick |
| 5. Ar Ahmad Pauzi Bin Jaafar | 41. Ar Low Kok Hwa |
| 6. Ar Amzar bin Ahmad | 42. Ar Mohd Shuhaibul Bin Muslimin |
| 7. Ar Azmil bin Abdul Azmi | 43. Ar Mohd Zulhemlee Bin An |
| 8. Ar Azra'i @ Azry Bin Muhammed Ghalip | 44. Ar Muhammad Kamar Bin Ya'akub |
| 9. Ar Boon Chee Wee | 45. Ar Mustapha Kamal Bin Zulkarnain |
| 10. Ar Chan Seong Aun | 46. Ar Ng Chee Keong |
| 11. Ar Cheah Ming Yew, David | 47. Ar Ng Lee Kim, Mary |
| 12. Ar Chiam Chin Yong | 48. Ar Nor Aflina Binti Mohamed |
| 13. Ar Chiang Boon Teng | 49. Ar Nor Aini Binti Juffery |
| 14. Ar Ching Chee Hoong | 50. Datin Prof Ar Norwina Mohd Nawawi |
| 15. Ar Chok Koh Siong | 51. Ar Ooi Hock Meng |
| 16. Ar Chong Lee Siong | 52. Ar Rosli bin Mohd Ali |
| 17. Ar Chu Pet Chaw, William | 53. Ar S. Thirilogachandran |
| 18. Ar Ezumi Harzani Bin Ismail | 54. Ar Saifuddin bin Ahmad |
| 19. Ar Goh Kar Sheng, Karlson | 55. Ar Salwati binti Mohamed Yusof |
| 20. Ar Goo Huey Kiam | 56. Ar Sarly Adre Bin Sarkum |
| 21. Ar Haji Hamdan bin Abdul Jamal | 57. Ar Sharuddin bin Md. Yunus |
| 22. Ar Hanani binti Md. Zain | 58. Ar Siti Azurah Binti Mohd Ghazali |
| 23. Ar Jasmin binti Kamarudin | 59. Ar Suhaila binti Mat Abas |
| 24. Ar Khoo Bin Hwa, Dennis | 60. Ar Sum Phoon Mun, Jerry |
| 25. Ar Khor Peng Chin | 61. Ar Suriawati binti Abdul Rahim |
| 26. Ar Kwek See Keng | 62. Ar Tan Chor Jin |
| 27. Ar Lee Chor Wah | 63. Ar Tan Meng Hooi, Joseph |
| 28. Ar Lee Tiat Seng | 64. Ar Thang Boon Ann, Steven |
| 29. Ar Leong Eng Keong | 65. Ar Thong Chan Hou |
| 30. Ar Leow Shian Kee | 66. Ar Toh Sea Choon |
| 31. Ar Lew Chieh Seong | 67. Ar Toh Siew Kian |
| 32. Ar Liang Wei Hua | 68. Ar Von Kok Leong |
| 33. Ar Liew Hoo Fong | 69. Ar Voon Wan Lin, Eadie |
| 34. Ar Lim Aun Giap, Laurent | 70. Ar Wan Sofia Binti Wan Ishak |
| 35. Ar Lim Fung Hsien, Kenneth | 71. Ar Wong Tow Cheong |
| 36. Ar Lim Hai Seah, Alvin | 72. Ar Yap Seng Chye, Chris |

Graduate Member

1. Khoo Boon Tek

In attendance

Zarina Ibrahim
Roze Mohd Nasir

Executive Secretary
Accounts Executive

INTRODUCTION

Ar Lee Chor Wah, Chairman of the EGM, called the meeting to order after confirming there is a quorum. He thanked Ar Abu Zarim Abu Bakar, Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee, for reviewing the PAM Constitution and invited him to brief the EGM on the amendments to the Constitution.

Ar Abu Zarim Abu Bakar briefed the EGM on the amendments as follows:

Council had deliberated and agreed to propose to the EGM, to approve and adopt the resolution for the amendments to Clause II.2 of the PAM Constitution, "Qualifications for Corporate membership". The amendment is to discourage graduate architects joining PAM just to qualify for registration to the Board of Architects Malaysia; instead to encourage graduate architects to be more involved in PAM and its activities. In the past, graduate architects submit on the same day, applications for PAM Graduate membership and PAM Corporate membership, which Council was of the view that it would not augur well for the Institute. Once the amendments were approved at this EGM, and accepted by the Registrar of Societies (ROS), there would be a grace period of three years for the amendments to take effect.

The following was tabled and duly adopted:

"It is hereby resolved that the amendments to clause "II.2 Qualifications for Corporate membership" of the PAM Constitution are approved by PAM members at the PAM Extraordinary General Meeting on 29 August 2009". The amendments are underlined and in bold below:

II.2.2 Ordinary Members

Any applicant who

- (a) has obtained the architectural qualification from school recognised by the Institute, and
- (b) has been a Graduate member of the Institute **for a minimum of 2 years**, and
- (c) having obtained the necessary practical experience as required by the Institute, and
- (d) having passed the professional practice and practical experience Part 3 examinations recognized by the Institute or having obtained the academic qualifications, the necessary practical experience and professional qualifications as above which qualifies the candidate for registration with the Board of Architects Malaysia as an architect under the Architects Act 1967 (Revised 1973)

shall be deemed acceptable to the Council for admission to the ordinary Corporate membership of the Institute as per Bye-laws."

Comments from the floor are as follows:

1. Ar Akbal cautioned Council to ensure that the applicant must be a Malaysian citizen, otherwise one would have problems getting reciprocal memberships, as many members are also members of other professional bodies.
2. Ar Haji Hajeedar expressed his concern that this might hamper PAM's effort to recruit as many Corporate Members as possible. This would discourage membership, rather than encourage membership. He suggested instead allowing members to remain as Corporate Members for two years before quitting so that during the two years, members can assess the benefits of joining PAM. He was of the view that the amendments would keep graduates for another additional two years before enabling them becoming a Corporate Member, which would be detrimental to the Institute and profession.

Ar Boon Che Wee clarified that for graduate architects, when applying as a Professional Architect with LAM, amongst others, the graduate must pass the Professional Examination, as well as be a PAM Corporate Member. The Act is silent on whether the member is required to remain as a Corporate member to renew his/her registration with LAM. Previously the graduate is required to have two years practical experience before he/she is able to sit for Professional Examinations. Recently LAM has imposed a rule that in addition to the two years practical experience, that person must also be registered with LAM as a graduate architect. So there is already a two year requirement for the graduates to be registered with LAM before they can sit for the Professional Examinations.

The amendments to PAM Constitution are because previously these candidates for Professional Examinations were not bothered to register with PAM as a Graduate Member. They would submit two applications as Graduate and Corporate Member of PAM at the same time. This is because PAM Constitution requires a person to be a PAM Graduate Member first before he/she could apply to be a PAM Corporate Member. The amendments to the PAM Constitution are tying back the PAM Graduate membership requirement to be a PAM Corporate Member back to the Graduate Membership of LAM at the same time. The amendments do not impose additional waiting period but in fact are in line with LAM's requirement. PAM would like to encourage architects so that as soon as they apply to register with LAM, they should also register with PAM as a Corporate Member.

3. Ar Lillian Tay was of the opinion that the new ruling by LAM would delay further a group of people who graduated from non accredited schools, who already have to sit for Part I and Part II Examinations, wishing to become Professional Architects. She suggested that instead of approving the amendments, PAM should look into undoing LAM's provision.

Ar Boon Che Wee clarified to address Ar Lillian Tay's concern, that the two years' period is from the two years' practical experience. The minimum of two years period would still remain as a requirement before a person is able to sit for the Professional Examination.

4. To Ar Haji Hajeedar's enquiry on whether LAM recognises past experiences done overseas, Dato' Ar Haji Esa clarified that LAM recognises one year of overseas practical experience. For students working overseas, once they graduate, they should register immediately with LAM as a Graduate Member so that LAM could recognise their one year of practical experience. Upon returning, they could do another year of experience locally, which would enable them to comply to sit for the Professional Examinations.

5. Ar Wan Sofiah said that the proposed amendments are good to draw graduates into PAM. However, the drawback would be if a graduate is not aware of this condition. They would register with LAM to sit for the Professional Examinations for two years, and when they want to register as a Professional Architect, they discovered that they have to be a PAM Corporate Member first; but before they could apply to be a PAM Corporate Member, they have to become a PAM Graduate member for two years first. There could be a delay of two years before they could become a Professional Architect. To resolve that, PAM must inform and promote this requirement so that the Graduates would not be caught in the delay. This is why there is a grace period of three years, so that PAM could inform schools worldwide. Another measure would be that PAM works with LAM so that when graduates fill up the forms to apply as Graduate Architects with LAM, they are reminded to also to register with PAM at the same time.

6. Ar Boon Che Wee said that in the bigger context, PAM wished to bring as many younger members into PAM as possible. This was started with the free student's membership, followed by the Associate Graduate Member category which allows graduates from the non accredited schools to join PAM so that PAM could continue to guide the younger members. There is an issue to sustain these graduates so that they would continue as Corporate Members of PAM. There is a worrying trend of graduates not taking up Professional Examinations, or having taken the Professional

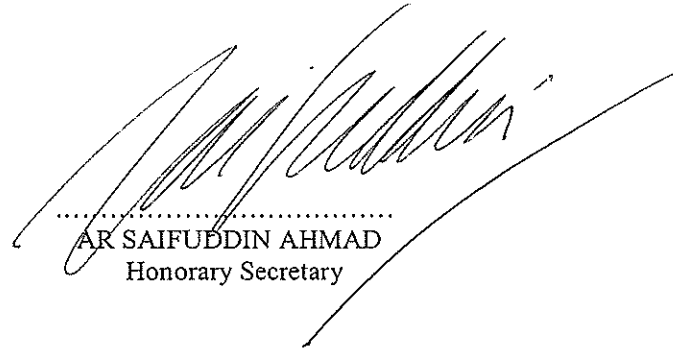
Examinations, they do not proceed to register as a Professional Architect. We do not have enough Professional Architects in Malaysia.

7. Ar David Teh opined that the amendments defeated the purpose to enlarge membership of the institute, as it adds unknowingly two years to the requirement to become a Professional Architect. He opined students and graduates do not care about registering. Most institutes worldwide, eg RIBA, AIA, etc, also recognises international graduates. He was of the view that PAM was moving backwards by discouraging membership with these amendments.
8. Ar Akbal expressed his concern that other countries are opening up membership to international architects but PAM is restricting to residents of Malaysia. He viewed that the requirement for the Malaysian citizenship should be reviewed. Ar Boon Che Wee informed that this is also the sentiment of Council, that is, to look at allowing international architects to join PAM. The EGM should look into approving the amendments at this point in time. The next Council would study opening up membership to international architects as proposed.

The Resolution was put to a vote. 68 members voted for the Resolution while 3 members voted against. The motion for the Resolution was carried.



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AR LEE CHOR WAH
President



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AR SAIFUDDIN AHMAD
Honorary Secretary

Dated: 6 September 2009