



# HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION INC. NSW BRANCH, SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

## *Draft Minutes of the Special General Meeting (SGM)*

*Saturday 7 May 2022*

**Venue:** Reg Byrne Community Centre, Corner of Fyall Avenue and Darcy Road,  
Wentworthville NSW 2145

**Attendance:** S Kathirgamanathan; K Selvarajah; C Somasundaram; B Kuganesan; R Manimaran, ; S Yoganathan; G Vaseekaran; and J Reginald

**Apologies received:** K Yoganathan; Kachana Krishnathasan; V Sithamparanathan; T Sivasakthy; G Saravanabavan; S Ragavan; V Nandagopan,

### **SGM Meeting Adjourned to 29 May 2022**

In view quorum requirements as per the provisions of the HCPPA NSW Constitution to discuss the proposed Constitutional changes, the President moved to adjourn the SGM at 240pm and, hearing no objection from the attendees, the President declared that the SGM meeting adjourned at 240pm to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 2pm. The Adjourned SGM meeting will be held at the same venue depending on the availability of the venue.

## *Draft Minutes of the Adjourned Special General Meeting (SGM)*

*Saturday 29 May 2022*

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Wentworthville NSW 2145

**Attendance:** S Kathirgamanathan; K Selvarajah; R Manimaran, ; G Vaseekaran, J Reginald; A Srikumar; V Nandagopan; T Sivasakthy; S Vinothan; S Kananathan; A Raguramankumar; G Saravanabavan; K Sivasakthy; K Murugathas, Jude Ariyanayagam, P.Paramatheva ; S Subenthiran; V Sugumar; T Prabhakaran; Nathan Vyrum; K Vishakulan; Siva Ganasundaram

**Apologies received via emails and WhatsApp Messages:** V Yoganathan; K Kaneshalingam, B Kuganesan, Kanchana Krishnathasan; S Ragavan; B Sutharsan; M Manoharathas; T Sasitharan; S Thirunavukarasu;

The meeting commenced at 220pm and at the start of the meeting, a minute silence was observed remembering the people sacrificed their lives our liberation in Sri Lanka.

The president has announced that the recording (both Audio and Video) of the proceedings of the meeting. He also emphasised that the recordings will be only used to verify if any issues arise



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The Joint Secretary inquired from the attendees whether any participants had any concerns regarding the validity of the Adjourned SGM and no participants have raised any concerns

The President and the Joint Secretary then presented the constitutional changes and discussed the changes to the HCPPA-NSW constitution

### **The Major Changes agreed and passed:**

- Only Life and Affiliated memberships applications will be processed
- The Life membership applications payments is only accepted via electronic transfers to the nominated Bank Account of the HCPPA-NSW
- The Management committee will constitute the Sub-committees to undertake specific projects and tasks
- The provision relating to the Independent Returning Officer (RO) and the required election process, including eligibility and rights of the RO
- The Vice Patrons terms have been amended to 3years at the start and then an extension of maximum 2 years may be approved.
- Only life members are allowed to vote using secret balloting to elect the office bearers of the committee of management
- Proxy voting must not be undertaken in respect of any matters related to the election of the committee of management
- The Annual General Meeting shall be held in person and no electronic facilities (Zoom, Microsoft teams, etc) will be provided to the Life members to attend the AGM
- The electronic/digital voting facilities shall be given to all eligible Life members to cast their votes to elect the committee of management on the AGM day at a specified time

### **The Proposed Constitutional Changes not considered for adoption**

- The proposed Clause 2.1 Charitable Aims and objectives
- The alternate proposal for 2-year term for electing committee of management
- Accepting nominations for the roles, viz, President, Secretary and Treasurer only from the

### **Action Item for Management Committee Consideration**

The current membership application will be reviewed by the management committee

### **Adoption of the Constitution with the Changes:**

The proposed changes to the HCPPA-NSW constitution were adopted at the end of the discussion



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The new amended Constitution would become effective on the 29 May 2022

### **Election of the Returning Officer**

As an exemption for forthcoming AGM this year 2022, the SGM participants have agreed to elect the Returning Officer as per the adopted Constitution. However, in future the Returning Officer will be elected at the AGM

SGM participants have elected the Ganesamoorthy Saravanabhavan as the Returning Office and Nathan Vyrum as a backup to conduct election process to elect the new management committee at the forthcoming AGM

Both would work together to elect the new Committee of Management at the forthcoming AGM

**Closing the meeting:** The President closed the meeting at 430pm thanking all the members who were present at the SGM adopting the changes to the HCPPS-NSW Constitution.