

Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting of the College of Radiology, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia held on Saturday, 26 September 2020 at Intan Suite (Level 1) East Wing, Hilton Hotel Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

Present:

No	Name	Membership
1	Amir Fuad Hussain	Life
2	Jeyaledchumy Mahadevan	Life
3	Felix Sundram	Life
4	Ahmad Helmy Abdul Karim	Life
5	Shantini A Arasaratnam	Life
6	Vijayalakshmi Krishnapillai	Life
7	Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd	Life
8	John George	Life
9	Lim Wei Yen	Life
10	Norlisah Mohd Ramli	Life
11	Sivakumaran Karupayah	Life
12	Siti Fatimah Abbas	Life
13	Josephine Subramaniam	Life
14	Zaleha Abdul Manaf	Life
15	Zaharah Musa	Life
16	Wong Leong Wai	Life
17	Abdul Jalil Nordin	Life
18	Philomena Devadass	Life
19	Maizatul Jamny Mahmood	Ordinary
20	Ng Seng Man	Ordinary
21	Kartini Rahmat	Ordinary
22	Tan Suzet	Ordinary
23	Hafiz Git	Ordinary
24	Noor Khairiah A Karim	Ordinary
25	Muhammad Azrif Ahmad Annuar	Ordinary
26	Sumithra S Ranganathan	Ordinary
27	Goh Keat Ying	Ordinary
28	Naveen Rajadurai	Ordinary
29	Mahayuddin Abdul Manap	Ordinary
30	Hafizah Mahayidin	Ordinary
31	Nor Afida Hasnita Shuib	Ordinary
32	Thanuja Mahaletchumy	Ordinary
33	Hanun Fauziah Abd Ghani	Ordinary
34	Norhaizam Md Nor	Ordinary
35	Ahmad Tarmizi Musa	Ordinary

The meeting which started at 2.30pm was chaired by the President, Dr Amir Fuad Hussain. Dr Amir welcomed the floor and thanked all for taking time to attend the AGM.

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1.0 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 1.1 The minutes of the AGM 2019 held on 6 April 2019, which was circulated to all members by email blast prior to the meeting was passed on proposal by Dr Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd and seconded by Prof Dr John George.

2.0 Confirmation of Secretary Report 2019-2020

- 2.1 The Secretary Report 2019-2020 presented by Dr Jeyaledchumy Mahadevan was passed on proposal by Prof Dr John George and seconded by Dr Shantini A Arasaratnam.

3.0 Confirmation of the Statement of Accounts as at 31 Dec 2017

- 3.1 The Statement of Accounts and the Balance Sheet as at 31 Dec 2019 was presented by Dr Sivakumaran Karupayah.

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 Dec 2019 – balance at RM2,419,506.56

- 3.2 The Statement of Accounts as at 31 Dec 2019 was passed with the proposal of Dr Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd and seconded by Dr Josephine Subramaniam.

4.0 Teleradiology

- 4.1 CoR had submitted the Guidelines for Teleradiology Practice in Malaysia prepared by Prof Dr John George and Dr Abdul Rahman Mohamad to the Ministry of Health (KKM). The guidelines submitted protects local radiologists from being paid discounted rates and also from international readings by overseas radiologists apart from many technical and other requirements.

KKM did revert to advise it will be part of the national policy of cabinet in general. However, despite CoR's several follow up with Dr Ahmad Razid, there is no forthcoming decision on the matter.

Prof Dr John George mentioned he had an enquiry by a hospital Medical Director if Teleradiology provision by 3rd party companies was allowed by KKM yet.

Dr Amir replied that KKM has not endorsed 3rd party Teleradiology reporting but currently was allowing in house radiologists to report by Teleradiology on call and other imaging.

5.0 Fees Schedule

- 5.1 Dr Naveen Rajadurai, the Fee Committee Representative for College of Radiology since June 2019 highlighted on the new amended 5th Fee Schedule that was just published by Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) recently that has been making its rounds online and provided some clarification in regard to the current status of the fee and its implications to our radiology fraternity.

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The Ministry of Health, Malaysia (KKM) has been engaging all the medical specialties in updating the fee for examinations and procedures not previously available in the 13th schedule.

Dr Naveen and his team have had several meetings with KKM since Jan 2020, working together in preparing and updating the fees to a quantum that was reasonable as should be afforded to us. These grueling discussions were lengthy and KKM have been very forthcoming and agreeable to most of our recommendations. Since this process concluded in the beginning of September 2020, the schedule has now been submitted to the legal department within KKM to fine tune all the terminologies and for assignment of new codes. Once this is concluded, the fees will be presented to Parliament to be gazetted. This process is being done for all the medical specialties.

MMA has proposed that KKM use their fee codings for the moment until the final fees is completed. KKM advised for the amended MMA 5th fee schedule to be used for procedures and examinations which are NOT previously available in the 13th schedule. For the examinations and procedures that are previously available, the clinicians are expected to charge as per the 13th schedule and NOT as in the amended 5th schedule.

With this clarification Dr Naveen hopes that all members would continue to provide radiological services to patients and be remunerated justly as per the 13th schedule fees and is hopeful that the upcoming fees will be favourable to all radiologists.

6.0 AMM Proposed building at Precinct 8, Putrajaya

- 6.1 Academy of Medicine of Malaysia (AMM) has confirmed purchasing a plot of land located at Precinct 8 Putrajaya and invited College of Radiology and other colleges and related associations to purchase office suites at their proposed new building. Their target project completion is 2023.

CoR has made a booking for a 800sf office unit which will be located on the 1st level allocated for colleges and associations. Meantime awaiting AMM to provide more details on the office unit layout and costs.

7.0 Any Other Matters

- 7.1 Dr Shantini informed there are many types of online registration to do eg NSR, membership, privileging, etc that are for different purposes and it would be good if there is some sort of an online registration logbook or portal that is able to be linked with KKM, universities and other large hospitals. She enquired if some of the MMAF fund can be withdrawn to fund the setup.

Dr Amir replied that AMM has already initiated an online virtual logbook that will be available to all AMM members, including candidate members, to log in their procedures which can be specialty specific whether one is a Radiologist, Oncologist, Anaesthesiologist or a Medical Officer Trainee. There will be a nominal fee to register for the virtual logbook. The College of Ophthalmology planned it and College of Surgeons has started the process. AMM will soon extend the facility to other colleges and if all works well, College of Radiology will also join the bandwagon.

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As this will also be opened to Candidate members, which we currently have a big number, it is good that they are able to start their virtual logbook from this stage. For practising Radiologists, the virtual logbook can be for various reasons and for purpose of specific training - this section will be ready to access by end of 2020

On the issue of MMAF fund, Dr Amir added that the stipulated allowable reason to withdraw the RM30K maximum each time from MMAF is to partly fund CoR's events related to the continuous medical education of radiology which we have over the years applied for many CoR local and international events. CoR's current effort is a request to remove the balance fund from MMAF account to CoR's account however as the money was handed to MMAF many years back as 'donation' it could pose an impossibility but we will nevertheless attempt to get what is left of the money back to facilitate the college plans and visions.

- 7.2 Prof Dr John George said he had written a full paper 2 years ago in regards to CPD points and was invited by KKM to present a new points system to KKM in Putrajaya by Dato Rohaizat Yon. The proposal was also sent to MMC and a new point system was introduced in April 2019 which increased the points in almost all sections eg 8 CPD points for one day seminar instead of previous 3 points for one day.

The new points system gave workshops 5 points per day and this caused confusion when a one-day programme could consist both lectures and workshop. MMA decided that a one-day programme that have both lectures and workshop would be a workshop however the Academy of Medicine had a seminar leading to different points being awarded. Prof John George subsequently wrote in asking MMC to resolve this problem and thankfully MMC has since revised the CPD points system and resolved the issue.

However, a problem has currently arisen with the MCO issue and Webinar conferences. As Webinars in the present system are listed as one or two hour lectures and not as a full Webinar conference, there is a need to recognise that the Virtual conferences of half day or more should be accorded points just like physical conferences as these are not separate one hour lectures but part of a full conference programme. Prof Dr John George then raised this issue with MMA and they now recognised Webinar conferences and give points under A1 / A2 as conference or seminars and thus a recent webinar conference of 5 hours was accorded 8 CPD points. However, the Academy of Medicine counted it as 5 separate webinar lectures and gave only 5 CPD points.

Dr Amir mentioned there is a need to recognise that Webinar conferences should not be under separate lectures under A7 and requested the COR representative on the CPD committee, Dr Thajunnisa, to look into this matter so AMM can be consistent with MMA in according Webinar conferences the Conference points and not as individual webinar lecture points.

He added, the problem is that there is no unified system for specialists and non-specialists. It was decided that AMM/MMC will take care of the specialists and MMA of the non-specialists. With Covid-19, there are rapid demand for webinars, not just small scale but conference scale to replace physical local or international congress and the CPD allocation between a physical meeting and a webinar should be the same.

With the above, all specialists will be able to enjoy getting maximum points to achieve their 20 CPD points much faster and CoR is appreciative of Prof Dr John George's personally taking these issues on with MMC, MMA and the Academy CPD committee to achieving the above.

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- 7.3 Dr Thajunnisa said she in on the conjoint board for masters in radiology and with the on-going Mardec examination, she is concern that the masters students are from different background eg Anaesthesiology etc and as the examination are mostly based on radiology, due to their lack of knowledge these students failed. Is College of Radiology able to do anything about it?

Due to time constraint as the Election of Office Bearers for 2020-2022 is to commence, Dr Amir advised Dr Thajunnisa to bring forth this issue to the next college council meeting for discussion.

8.0 Election of New Office Bearers

8.1 Elected Members for 2020-2022 Council Committee Positions

Dr Amir Fuad Hussain proceeded to dissolve the Council of 2018-2020. He called upon Dr Jeyaledchumy Mahadevan as the returning officer to conduct the nomination and election procedures.

Election of the new office bearers for the term 2020-2022 was conducted and the following members were duly elected.

Elected Members for 2018/2020 Council Committee Positions

President	Norlisah Mohd Ramli	Elected
Nominated By	Amir Fuad Hussain	
Seconded By	Abdul Jalil Nordin	
Nomination Closed Proposed By	Kartini Rahmat	
Seconded By	Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd	
Vice-President (Oncology)	Muhammad Azrif Ahmad Annuar	Elected
Proposed By	Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd	
Seconded By	Kartini Rahmat	
Nomination Closed Proposed By	Naveen Rajadurai	
Seconded By	Sumithra Ranganathan	
Vice-President (Nuclear Medicine)	Mahayuddin Abdul Manap	Elected
Proposed By	Amir Fuad Hussain	
Seconded By	Felix Sundram	
Nomination Closed Proposed By	Abdul Jalil Nordin	
Seconded By	Tan Suzet	
Vice-President (Radiodiagnosis)	Naveen Rajadurai	Elected
Proposed by	Abdul Jalil Nordin	
Seconded by	Mahayuddin Abdul Manap	

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Nomination Closed Proposed By	Shantini A Arasaratnam	
Seconded By	Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd	
Honorary Secretary	Shantini A Arasaratnam	Elected
Nominated By	Josephine Subramaniam	
Seconded by	Kartini Rahmat	
Nomination Closed Proposed By	Sumithra Ranganathan	
Seconded By	Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd	
Honorary Treasurer	Sivakumaran Karupayah	Elected
Nominated By	John George	
Seconded by	Kartini Rahmat	
Nomination Closed Proposed By	Norlisah Mohd Ramli	
Seconded By	Amir Fuad Hussain	
Council Member 1	Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd	Elected
Council Member 2	Jeyaledchumy Mahadevan	Elected
Council Member 3	Thanuja Mahaletchumy	Elected
Council Member 4	Kartini Rahmat	Elected
Nominated By	The Floor	
Seconded By	The Floor	
Nomination Closed Proposed By	John George	
Seconded By	Thajunnisa Hassan Mohd	
Other Office Bearers 2020-2022 Not By Election		
Immediate Past President	Amr Fuad Hussain	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Neuroradiology	Hilwati Hashim	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Molecular Imaging	Farhana Fadzli	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Breast Imaging	Vijayalakshmi Krishnapillai	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Interventional Radiology	Nur Adura Yaakup	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Cardiac Imaging	Noor Khairiah A Karim	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Body Imaging	Zaharudin Haron	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Musculoskeletal	Maizatul Jamny Mahmood	
Co-opted Council Member *SIG-Paediatric	Hasyma Abu Hassan	

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There being no further matter, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

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Dr Amir Fuad Hussain
President 2018-2020
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Dr Jeyaledchumy Mahadevan
Honorary Secretary 2018-2020
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