



**MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
MALAYSIA AUSTRALIA BUSINESS COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 27th JULY 2023 5:00 PM
AT THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, KUALA LUMPUR**

Present: See Appendix A

In Attendance: James Tan, Executive Director

Mr. Nordin Abdullah (“the Vice-Chairman) presided as the Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm after confirmation of the requisite quorum being present pursuant to Article 13(i) General Meeting quorum is one-half of the total voting membership of the Council, or twice the total number of Executive Committee, whichever is the lesser shall be present.

1. Address from Chairman

Apologies for Dato Peter not being present in the meeting, with Mr Nordin Abdullah to present a short summary written by Dato Peter in his address.

Noted that MABC has been very busy at work within the last 12 months, particularly regarding subcommittees improving governance and cleaning up debts. Treasurer also presents these details to members.

Mr. Abdullah acknowledged MABC known for their significant networking events, mentioning Penny Wong’s recent visit, and noting MABC plays a critical role in the business agenda between Australia-Malaysia relationship. It is stated that MABC intends to continue building upon this work, growing business relationships in Malaysia by collaborating with the Australian High Commission, different state governments and agencies in Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Abdullah notes MABC will play a more significant role in advocacy, business engagement and more trade-related delegations between Malaysia and Australia over the next 12 months.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th July 2022.

The Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th July 2022 have been circulated to all members along with the Notice of the 38th Annual General Meeting.

Proposer: Matthew Barsing C-E-1014

Secunder: William Yeo I-W-1008

The Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting is being adopted.

3. To receive and pass the audited accounts as contained in the 2022 Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2022.

Richard Liau presented the Audited Account for the year 2022. Key highlights are, the EXCO has collectively made a clear decision to clear up bad debts accordingly to reflect the true account.

Members that fail to comply with the Article of Association 6(iii)(e) will be removed from the accounts again to reflect the true and accurate accounting reports.

Matthew Barsing updated the floor that the procedure the secretariat team took is aligned with the constitution, with a final payment notice reminder before the final termination letter was sent out. It is essential that we follow the constitution and reflects true members in the book, and we the EXCO are confident we have MABC2.0 and more networking event ahead, we will gain more members ahead.

Datuk Zain suggests that an honorary distinguished life member who has contributed much in MABC should also deserve a voice with a vote. Nordin Abdullah noted Datuk Zain's comments and will propose Article 5 (d) to the EXCO for further review.

Guru further comments that any members can suggest or propose a change to the constitution under Article 16. Alteration of these Article

Proposal: Nordin Abdullah I-D-1045

Secunder: Dato' Robert Teo I-R-1005

The Audited Account for the year 2022 is being adopted

4. To elect members of the Executive Committee in accordance with the Articles of Association 8 Management of the Council (i)(iii)(iv).

The current Executive Committee is as follows.

No	Name	Membership No.	Year
1.	Dato' Peter Tan Choon Hoo	C-P-1010	2023
2.	Matthew Barsing	C-E-1014	2023
3.	David Wong Nan Fay	I-D-1030	2023
4.	Dato' Robert Teo	I-R-1005	2023
5.	Mimi Afza Afzan	C-L-1010	2023
6.	Dinesh Nambiar	I-D-1045	2023
7.	Nordin Abdullah	C-G-1008	2024
8.	Caesar Loong	C-R-1017	2024
9.	William Yeo	I-W-1008	2024
10.	Bobby Varanasi	I-B-1002	2024
11.	Jan Drew	C-J-1004	2024
12.	Celia Yeo	I-C-1056	2024

The Executive Committee is up for nomination.

No	Name	Membership No.	Year
1.	Dato' Peter Tan Choon Hoo	C-P-1010	2023
2.	Matthew Barsing	C-E-1014	2023
3.	David Wong Nan Fay	I-D-1030	2023
4.	Dato' Robert Teo	I-R-1005	2023
5.	Mimi Afza Afzan	C-L-1010	2023
6.	Dinesh Nambiar	I-D-1045	2023

In accordance with Article 8 Management of the Council (iv), the Secretariat office has received the following nomination.

No	Name	Membership No.
1.	Dato' Peter Tan Choon Hoo	C-P-1010
2.	Matthew Barsing	C-E-1014
3.	David Wong Nan Fay	I-D-1030
4.	Dato' Robert Teo	I-R-1005
5.	Mimi Afza Afzan	C-L-1010
6.	Dinesh Nambiar	I-D-1045
7.	Woon Tai Hai	I-W-1010

The Executive Director announced the total Ballot distributed as follows:

Individual Members	Corporate Members	Total Ballot
1:1	1:4	
19	25	119

Khairunnisa Mohd Tajudin witnesses the registration from the secretariat office, Polling Agent Jeremy Ng, a New Colombo Plan intern, and two witnesses, Finn and Hekenl, volunteers from Esther Yap.

The ballot result is as follows:

No	Name	Individual 1:1	Corporate 1:4	Total Votes
1.	Dato' Peter Tan Choon Hoo	12	15 x 4 : 60	72
2.	Matthew Barsing	15	19 x 4: 76	91
3.	Dinesh Nambiar	16	22 x 4 : 88	104
4.	Mimi Afza Afzan	14	21 x 4 : 84	98
5.	David Wong Nan Fay	21	22 x 4: 88	109
6.	Dato' Robert Teo	18	23 x 4 : 92	110
7.	Woon Tai Hai	18	10 x 4 : 40	58

The ballot count was witnessed by Sam-Hussey Smith from the Australia High Commission, Adil Akbar from the South Australia Government, Polling Agent Carol Edwin from the secretariat office and Jeremy Ng, a New Colombo Plan intern.

Executive Director James Tan confirmed the ballot count, and Chairman Nordin Abdullah announced the elected Executive Committee for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

The elected Executive Committee are as follows.

No	Name	Membership No.
1.	Dato' Peter Tan Choon Hoo	C-P-1010
2.	Matthew Barsing	C-E-1014
3.	David Wong Nan Fay	I-D-1030
4.	Dato' Robert Teo	I-R-1005
5.	Mimi Afza Afzan	C-L-1010
6.	Dinesh Nambiar	I-D-1045

Chairman Nordin Abdullah congratulated the newly elected Executive Committee and thanked the Executive Committee for their selfless contribution to the Malaysia Australia Business Council.

5. To appoint Honorary Auditors, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Legal Advisor in accordance with the Articles of Association 12 (i)(d)

Woon Tai Hai commented that a rotation of Honorary Treasurer is a good governance and accountability practice among business councils, speaking from an ex-KPMG, members and Executive Committee of many registered societies.

Name	Membership No.	Appointment
Andrew Heng	I-A-1001	Honorary Auditors
Gurubachan Singh Johal	I-G-1008	Honorary Legal Advisor
Richard Liau	I-R-1024	Honorary Treasurer

No further comments from the attendees, and all in attendance were in favour of the appointment of Honorary Auditors, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Legal Advisor for the year 2023/2024 who shall be ex-officio of the executive committee.

Proposal: Dato' Robert Teo I-R-1005

Secunder: Dinesh Nambiar I-D-1045

6. To appoint new trustee for the MABC immovable property in accordance with the Articles of Association 19 Trustees (i)(ii)(iii)

The current trustees for Malaysia Australia Business Council are as follows;

No.	Name	Membership No.
1.	Mohamad Zain Bin Mohamed Yusuf	I-M-1066
2.	Robert Teo Keng Tuan	I-P-1047
3.	Syed Abdul Jabbar Bin Syed Hassan	C-M-1001

Whereas

No.	Name	Reason
1.	Mohamad Zain Bin Mohamed Yusuf	Tendered his resignation as a trustee due to personal to Health reasons in April 2023.
2.	Robert Teo Keng Tuan	Has been a long-serving trustee and suggests a rotation.
3.	Syed Abdul Jabbar Bin Syed Hassan	Deceased.

The EXCO has proposed a new lineup of trustees to replace the current trustee.

No.	Name	Membership No.
1.	Dato SR Peter Tan	C-P-1010
2.	Dinesh Nambiar	I-D-1045
3.	David Wong Nan Fay	I-D-1030

All in attendance were in favour and adopted the appointment of the new trustee.

Proposal: Jan Drew C-J-1004

Secunder: Bobby Varanasi I-D-1022

7. To approve the Article of Association

- a. Article 5 Membership
- b. Article 7 Entrance Fees and Annual Subscription
- c. Article 8 Management of the Council
- d. Article 10 Meetings of the Executive Committee
- e. Article 11 Funds and Finances
- f. Article 12 General Meetings of the Council
- g. Article 13 Proceedings at General Meetings
- h. Article 19 Trustees
- i. Article 23 Formation of the Chapters of the Council

See: appendix B

All in attendance were in favour of the amendment of the Article of Association, along with all the grammatical changes.

Proposal: Nordin Abdullah C-G-1008

Secunder: Matthew Barsing C-E-1014

8. To transact any other business of which six days' notice shall have been given in writing

The Chairman informed that there were no other items submitted for formal discussion within the requisite notice period.

The Chairman ended the meeting by thanking all the EXCO members and MABC members for their attendance and participation at this AGM and for their support.

The chairman then officially ended the meeting at 6:00 pm



Nordin Abdullah
Vice-Chairman
24 Aug 2023



James Tan
Executive Director
24 Aug 2023