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MINUTES OF THE MASO EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) 2021

Date and Time: 12th August 2021 (Thursday) at 5.00 p.m.

Place : Virtual (Zoom Meeting Platform)

Attendance

The EGM was attended by 45 voting members (attendance list is as shown in **Appendix 1**). The President, Emeritus Prof. Dr. Mohd Ismail Noor, called the meeting to order at 5.30 pm after the quorum (at least twice the number of council) as stipulated in the Rules of MASO was achieved.

Agenda 1: Welcome Address by the President

On behalf of MASO 15th Council, Emeritus Prof. Dr. Mohd Ismail Noor thanked the members for their presence virtually and support to enable us to achieve the quorum and welcomed them to the MASO EGM 2021. Emeritus Prof. Dr. Mohd Ismail Noor informed members that the main focus of the EGM is to once again table the amendments of the Rules of MASO that were discussed and adopted in the last 27th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 10 December 2020. The need for this EGM was due to the rejection to the amendments by the Registrar of Societies (ROS), Malaysia. The main reason for the rejection was merely due to technical glitch in the ROS website and that the amendments were not submitted on time in lieu of the current pandemic situation. Emeritus Prof. Dr. Mohd Ismail Noor hoped that ROS will consider and approve the amendments following a resubmission, after the conduct of this EGM.

Agenda 2: ROS criteria for constitution amendments' approval

Assoc. Prof. Dr Geeta Appannah, Hon. Secretary MASO went through the sequel of events that happened in her first attempt of submitting the amendments to the ROS via their website (www.eroses.gov.my) and informed members that the ROS charges a minimal fee of RM10 for every count of constitution changes. Prior to the Covid 19 pandemic, the fee is usually paid at the ROS counters but with the pandemic situation and movement control order, Assoc. Prof. Dr Geeta Appannah could not make it to the counters. At the same time, there were no options for online payment in the ROS website until 8th July 2021. However, by that date, the requirement to submit any amendments in less than 60 days from the AGM date by the ROS has passed hence, the application to amend Rules of MASO were rejected. Upon an advice from one of the ROS officer, this EGM was planned. The amendments approved by the EGM will then be resubmitted to ROS within 28 days

Agenda 3: Amendments in MASO Rules and Bye-Laws from the previous 27th AGM

Assoc. Prof. Dr Mohd Razif Shahril, Hon. Asst. Secretary MASO went through the amendments that were adopted during the 27th AGM on 10 Dec 2020 (Appendix 2). In brief, all 18 proposed amendments were adopted by more than a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at the AGM were



presented during the EGM (Appendix 3). There was no objection from any of the members who attended the EGM and the amendments were unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.15pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Prepared by:

Checked by:

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Assoc Prof. Dr. Geeta Appannah Hon. Secretary, MASO **Emeritus Prof. Dr. Mohd Ismail Noor**

President, MASO



Appendix 1

EGM Attendance list

Date and Time : 12th August 2021 (Thursday) at 5.30 p.m.

Place : Virtual (700m Meeting Platform)

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No.	Name	Membership	Affiliation		
		Number			
1.	Ahmad Jamil Awang Besar	L453	Klinik Sinar		
2.	Ang Yeow Nyin	L640	UKM		
3.	Asvini A/P Vasthavan	O817	MOH		
4.	Chan Kai Sze	O802	UKM		
5.	Chin Yit Siew	L547	UPM		
6.	Christine Joan	O822	UKM		
7.	Denise Koh Choon Lian	L714	UKM		
8.	Eow Shiang Yen	O798	UPM		
9.	Gan Wan Ying	L548	UPM		
10.	Geeta Appannah	L678	UPM		
11.	Hazizi Abu Saad	L356	UPM		
12.	Heng Yaw Yong	O789	UPM		
13.	Jasmine Chia Siew Min	0774	UKM		
14.	Law Leh Shii	O775	UNIMAS		
15.	Mahenderan Appukutty	L418	UiTM		
16.	Mohamed Ismail Bin Mohamed Noor	L055	UKM		
17.	Mohd Ramadan Bin Ab Hamid	O807	UiTM		
18.	Mohd Razif Bin Shahril	L552	UKM		
19.	Ng Kim Seng	L335	MOE		
20.	Ng See Hoe	O639	University of Wollongong		
21.	Nik Shanita Binti Safii	L097	UKM		
22.	Nor Farah Binti Mohamad Fauzi	O606	UKM		
23.	Norazmir Md Nor	O864	UiTM		
24.	Norimah A Karim	L332	IMU		
25.	Nurul Najwa Binti Aminul Mahzan	O785	UiTM		
26.	Nurzalinda Binti Zalbahar@Zabaha	O723	UPM		
27.	Ong Wei Wen	L631	Link Ingredients Sdn Bhd		
28.	Poh Bee Koon	L255	UKM		
29.	Rokiah Binti Don	L397	Retiree		
30.	Ruzita Binti Abd Talib	L009	UKM		
31.	Santhra Segaran A/L Balan	O861	MSU		
32.	Serene Tung En Hui	L611	UCSI University		
33.	Siti Raihanah Binti Shafie	L716	UPM		
34.	Sivarajan Ramasamy	O862	MOH		
35.	Tan Sue Yee	L529	ı		
36.	Teh Wai Siew	O600	MOH		
37.	Teoh Soo Huat	L737	USM		
38.	Vellayan Subramaniam	L281	UiTM		
39.	Wan Azdie Mohd Abu Bakar	L406	IIUM		
40.	Wilfred Mok Kok Hoe	O682	UKM		
41.	Wong Hui Juan	O839	UPM		
42.	Wong Jyh Eiin	L520	UKM		
43.	Yeo Giin Shang	O745	UKM		
44.	Zaiton Daud	L570	МОН		
45.	Zawiah Binti Mohammad Hashim	L258	Retiree		



Appendix 2

Proposed Amendments to Rules of Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity and Bye-Laws

(Font in Red is the new proposed amendments)

CURRENT	PROPOSED			
ARTICLE I	ARTICLE I			
Name and Place of Business	Name and Place of Business			
The Association shall be known as Persatuan Kajian Obesiti Malaysia [Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity] (PEKOM / MASO).	The Association shall be known as Persatuan Kajian Obesiti Malaysia [Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity] (PEKOM / MASO).			
2. Its registered place of business shall be at Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Jalan Raja Muda Abdul Aziz, 50300 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or at such place or places as may from time to time be decided on by the Council; and its postal address shall be as above or such other address as may from time to time be decided on by the Council. The registered place of business of the Association shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies).	2. Its registered place of business shall be at Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Jalan Raja Muda Abdul Aziz, 50300 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or at such place or places as may from time to time be decided on by the Council; and its postal address shall be as above or such other address as may from time to time be decided on by the Council. The registered place of business of the Association shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Registrar of Societies).			
3. Not included in the current Rules	There shall be a Patron of the Association who will be appointed at a General Meeting of the Association			
ARTICLE II	ARTICLE II			
Objects	Objects			
The objects of the Association are:	The objects of the Association are:			
a. To stimulate and facilitate obesity research on its impact, causes, prevention and management.	a. To educate and promote better public and professional understanding of obesity and impact on health.			
b. To promote improved understanding on obesity among professionals and public.	 To stimulate collaborative research and disseminate findings on causes, consequences, prevention and management of obesity. 			
c. To collaborate with the government agencies, other professional organisations, private sectors and international bodies to improve local environment to support healthy lifestyle.	 To collaborate with the government ministries/agencies, other professional organisations, private sectors and international bodies to improve the local environment to support a healthy lifestyle. 			
 To lead and drive national effort to reduce, prevent and manage obesity through involvement in policy development. 	d. To lead and drive national effort to reduce, prevent and manage obesity through involvement in policy development.			



		CURRENT		PROPOSED		
	CURRENT		PROPOSED			
A	ARTICLE III		ARTICLE III			
1.	Mei	mbership	1.	1. Membership		
	a.	Ordinary members:		a.	Ordinary members:	
		Membership is opened to medical and health professionals, educators, scientists and researchers who are residing in Malaysia. Persons who possess a relevant degree and are interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association can be considered for membership.			Membership is opened to medical and health professionals, educators, scientists and researchers who are residing in Malaysia. Persons who possess a relevant degree and are interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association can be considered for membership.	
	b.	Life members:		b.	<u>Life members</u> :	
		Membership is opened to all active members upon completion of a minimum of three years as an ordinary member of the Association. Life membership is opened to Malaysians and Permanent Residents of Malaysia only.			Membership is opened to all active members upon completion of a minimum of three years as an ordinary member of the Association. Life membership is opened to Malaysians and Permanent Residents of Malaysia only.	
	C.	Corporate members:		C.	Corporate members:	
		A corporate member is an organisation, firm or company, which has made application to the Association, indicating its interest in supporting the objectives of the Association. Corporate members are entitled to nominate one representative to the Association. The representative from the organisation, firm or company can attend meetings and vote, but not hold office.			A corporate member is an organisation, firm or company, which has made application to the Association, indicating its interest in supporting the objectives of the Association. Corporate members are entitled to nominate one representative to the Association. The representative from the organisation, firm or company can attend meetings and vote, but not hold office.	
	d.	Honorary members:		d.	Honorary members:	
		Distinguished persons who have rendered notable service to the Association or to the understanding of obesity may on the recommendation of the Council be elected as Honorary members by a majority vote at a General Meeting.			Distinguished persons who have rendered notable service to the Association or to the understanding of obesity may on the recommendation of the Council be elected as Honorary members by a majority vote at a General Meeting.	
	e.	Not included in current Rules		e.	Fellow members:	
					Fellow members shall be elected at a General Meeting, on the recommendation of the Council for outstanding professional and meritorious contribution in the field of obesity. Fellows of the Association will be entitled to use the abbreviation, FMASO, after their names.	
	f.	Associate members:		f.	Associate members:	
		Membership is opened to members of the public who are at least 18 years of age, residing in Malaysia, and interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association.			Membership is opened to members of the public who are at least 18 years of age, residing in Malaysia, and interested in obesity and the objectives of the Association.	



CURRENT	PROPOSED			
ARTICLE IV	ARTICLE IV			
Subscription fees and other dues	Subscription fees and other dues			
1. a. Ordinary members:	1. a. Ordinary members:			
RM50.00 per calendar year.	RM50.00 per calendar year.			
b. <u>Life members</u> :	b. <u>Life members</u> :			
RM500.00 in one payment.	RM500.00 in one payment.			
c. <u>Corporate members</u> :	c. <u>Corporate members</u> :			
RM500.00 per calendar year.	RM500.00 per calendar year.			
d. <u>Honorary members</u> :	d. <u>Honorary members</u> :			
Honorary members shall be exempted from payment of membership fees.	Honorary members shall be exempted from payment of membership fees.			
e. Not included in current Rules	e. Fellow members:			
	Fellow members shall be exempted from payment of membership fees.			
f. <u>Associate members</u> :	f. <u>Associate members</u> :			
RM30.00 per calendar year.	RM30.00 per calendar year.			
g. <u>Re-joining fee</u> :	g. <u>Re-joining fee</u> :			
Any member who has lapsed in payment of membership subscription shall have to pay a re-joining fee when they wish to re-join the Association. The re-joining fee shall be twice the amount of the annual fee, and arrears shall be waived.	Any member who has lapsed in payment of membership subscription shall have to pay a re-joining fee when they wish to re-join the Association. The re-joining fee shall be twice the amount of the annual fee, and arrears shall be waived.			



CURRENT	PROPOSED			
ARTICLE VII	ARTICLE VII			
Council	Council			
 A Council shall consist of the following: A President; Not included in current Rules A Vice-President; An Honorary Secretary; An Honorary Assistant Secretary; An Honorary Treasurer; Five Ordinary Council Members. The office bearers of the Association and every officer performing executive functions in the Association shall be Malaysian citizens. Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded and biennial election will be by a simple majority vote of the delegates at every second Annual General Meeting. Provided that the Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for a period of not more than two terms, all office bearers shall be eligible for re-election each year. a) Not included in current Rules 	 The Council shall consist of the following: A President; An Immediate-Past President; A Vice-President; An Honorary Secretary; An Honorary Assistant Secretary; An Honorary Treasurer; Five Ordinary Council Members. The office bearers of the Association and every officer performing executive functions in the Association shall be Malaysian citizens. Names for the above office bearers shall be proposed and seconded and biennial election will be by a simple majority vote of the delegates at every second Annual General Meeting. All key office bearers namely President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, may hold the post for a maximum two terms (4 years). 			
b) Not included in current Rules c) Not included in current Rules	 b) With the exception of the President, all other key office bearers and Council members may be re-elected to another post in the Council. c) An immediate-Past President after a lapse of one term (2 years) may be re-elected into the Council. 			



	CURRENT	PROPOSED		
AR	RTICLE VIII	ARTICLE VIII		
Du	ties of Office bearers	Dut	ties of Office bearers	
1.	The President shall during his term of office preside at all Annual General Meetings and all meetings of the Council and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such meetings. He shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved. He shall, in conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association.	1.	The President shall during his term of office preside at all Annual General Meetings and all meetings of the Council and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of all such meetings. He shall sign the minutes of each meeting at the time they are approved. He shall, in conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association.	
2.	Not included in current Rules	2.	The Immediate Past-President shall serve as a member of the Council to provide continuity to the Council. He shall participate in Council meetings as an Ordinary Council member with full voting rights.	
	The Vice-President shall deputise for the President during the latter's absence.	3.	The Vice-President shall assume all duties, powers and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the latter.	
4.	The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with its Rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the Annual General Meeting and of the Council. He shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and papers except the accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record the proceedings. In conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the President, he shall sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He shall maintain a proper membership register of the members consisting of details such as name, identity card number, date and place of birth, occupation, name and address of employer and residential address.	4.	The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with its Rules, and shall carry out the instructions of the Annual General Meeting and of the Council. He shall be responsible for conducting all correspondence and keeping all books, documents and papers except the accounts and financial records. He shall attend all meetings, and record the proceedings. In conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer and in place of the President, he shall sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He shall maintain a proper membership register of the members consisting of details such as name, identity card number, date and place of birth, occupation, name and address of employer and residential address.	
5.	Not included in current Rules	5.	The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary in all the latter's duties. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary shall deputise for him and assume his responsibility.	
6.	The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Association. He shall keep accounts of all financial transactions of the Association and shall be responsible for their correctness. He shall, in conjunction with either the President or the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He is authorised to expend up to RM1,000.00 per month for petty expenses.	6.	The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Association. He shall keep accounts of all financial transactions of the Association and shall be responsible for their correctness. He shall, in conjunction with either the President or the Honorary Secretary sign all cheques on behalf of the Association. He is authorised to expend up to RM1,000.00 per month for petty expenses.	
7.	The Ordinary Council members shall assist the other officers in carrying out their duties as decided by the Council.	7.	The Ordinary Council members shall assist the key office bearers in carrying out their duties as decided by the Council.	



CURRENT	PROPOSED		
ARTICLE XIII	ARTICLE XIII		
Amendment of Rules	Amendment of Rules		
These rules may not be altered or amended except by resolution of a General Meeting. Such alterations or amendment shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Registrar of Societies. Notice of the proposed alterations must be made in writing at least sixty days before the meeting to the Secretary who shall notify all members of the proposal at least twenty-eight days before the meeting. Any amendments of the rules shall be forwarded to the Registrar of Societies within 28 days of being passed by the General Meeting	amendment shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Registrar of Societies. Notice of the proposed alterations must be made in writing at least sixty days before the meeting to the Secretary with shall notify all members of the proposal at least twenty-eight days before the meeting. Any amendments		
Not included in current Rules	The amendments can only be endorsed if passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting member present at a General Meeting.		
BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND	BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND		
4. Research Grant	4. Community Project Grant		
4.1 The grant/seed money may be awarded for a research proposal accepted by any of the local universities for undergraduate or postgraduate research adjudged by the Council to be of significant contribution in the field of obesity.	4.1 The grant may be awarded to support Student's Association in local Universities for Community projects adjudged by the Council to be in line with the objective of the Association.		
4.2 The Council may co-opt suitable referees to review the proposal.	4.2 An application must be made through the Coordinator (lecturer in charge) of the Community Project together with a detailed proposal of the programme.		
4.3 The research grant shall consist of a cash award not exceeding Three Hundred Ringgit for undergraduate and not exceeding Five Hundred Ringgit (RM500) for postgraduate student.	4.3 The grant shall be in cash not exceeding One Thousand Ringgit (RM1000).		
4.4 The Association shall award not more than two grants per year for each category.	4.4 The Association shall award not more than two grants per calendar year.		
All removed and replaced with new bye-law	4.5 Acknowledgement to MASO could be either as Co-Organiser or Sponsor of the proposed Community project.		



Appendix 3

Resolution for Proposed Amendments to Rules of Malaysian Association for the Study of Obesity and Bye-Laws

#	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS	AGREE (%)	DISAGREE (%)	RESOLUTION
1	ARTICLE I: Name and Place of Business Item 3: There shall be a Patron of the Association who will be appointed at a General Meeting of the Association	70	30	ADOPT
2	ARTICLE II: Objects Item a: To educate and promote better public and professional understanding of obesity and its impact on health.	100	0	ADOPT
3	ARTICLE II: Objects Item b: To stimulate collaborative research and disseminate findings on causes, consequences, prevention and management of obesity.	100	0	ADOPT
4	ARTICLE III: Membership Item e: Fellow Members	84	16	ADOPT
5	ARTICLE III: Subscription fees and other dues Item e: Fellow Members shall be exempted from payment of membership fees	76	24	ADOPT
6	ARTICLE VII: Council Item 1: Immediate Past President	80	20	ADOPT
7	ARTICLE VII: Council Item 2 (a): All key office bearers namely President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, may hold the post for a maximum two terms (4 years).	88	12	ADOPT
8	ARTICLE VII: Council Item 2 (b): With the exception of the President, all other key office bearers and Council members may be re-elected to another post in the Council.	76	24	ADOPT
9	ARTICLE VII: Council Item 2 (c) An immediate-Past President after a lapse of one term (2 years) may be re-elected into the Council.	78	22	ADOPT



#	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS	AGREE (%)	DISAGREE (%)	RESOLUTION
10	ARTICLE VIII: Duties of Office bearers Item 2: The Immediate Past-President shall serve as a member of the Council to provide continuity to the Council. He shall participate in Council meetings as an Ordinary Council member with full voting rights.	100	0	ADOPT
11	ARTICLE VIII: Duties of Office bearers Item 3: The Vice-President shall assume all duties, powers and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the latter.	100	0	ADOPT
12	ARTICLE VIII: Duties of Office bearers Item 5: The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall assist the Honorary Secretary in all the latter's duties. In the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Assistant Secretary shall deputise for him and assume his responsibility.	100	0	ADOPT
13	ARTICLE XIII: Amendment of Rules The amendments can only be endorsed if passed by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at a General Meeting.	97	3	ADOPT
14	BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND: Change from Research Grant to Community Project Grant	97	3	ADOPT
15	BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND: (Community Project Grant) Item 4.1: The grant may be awarded to support Student's Association in local Universities for Community projects adjudged by the Council to be in line with the objective of the Association.	100	0	ADOPT
16	BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND: Community Project Grant) Item 4.2: An application must be made through the Coordinator (lecturer in charge) of the Community Project together with a detailed proposal of the programme.	97	3	ADOPT
17	BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND (Community Project Grant)	91	9	ADOPT



#	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS	AGREE (%)	DISAGREE (%)	RESOLUTION
	Item 4.3 AND 4.4.: The grant shall be in cash not exceeding One Thousand Ringgit (RM1000) not more than two grants per calendar year.			
18	BYE-LAWS OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY EDUCATION FUND:(Community Project Grant) Item 4.5: Acknowledgement to MASO could be either as Co-Organiser or Sponsor of the proposed Community project.	100	0	ADOPT