



## **MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE SELANGOR BAR HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 VIRTUALLY.**

The meeting was called to order at 2.50p.m. by the Chairman of the Selangor Bar Committee (SBC). The Chairman informed the house that the quorum required for the meeting is **378** and at present **505** members have logged in. Hence, by virtue of section 70(2B) of the Legal Profession Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order. The Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance.

Before proceeding with the agenda, the Chairman requested all present to observe a minute of silence as a mark of respect for all members who have passed on since the date of the last Annual General Meeting, namely Hj. Mohamed Salleh Bin Abas, Bhadarul Baharain Bin Sulaiman, Sabri Bin Ahmad, Shafikah binti Mohamed Shaari, Sivajothi A/L Muthiah Rajendram, Charan Jit Singh A/L Santokh Singh, Kamalanathan A/L Vellaipoovan, Lim Ching Wei, Amir Asree Bin Meor Nordin, Kannan a/l Ratnam, Tan Kim Soon, Karen Chin Ai Li, Dev Anand a/l Ruben Saktiraj Murty and Kamar Ainiyah Bt Kamaruzaman.

### **ITEM 1 OF AGENDA:**

**To consider, and if approved, to adopt the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

- 1.1 There were no proposed amendments to the minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and the minutes were approved and adopted at the proposal by **Richard Wee** and seconded by **Annou Xavier**.

### **ITEM 2 OF AGENDA:**

**To discuss matters arising there from.**

- 2.1 There were no matters arising.

### **ITEM 3 OF AGENDA:**

**To consider the Reports on the activities of the Selangor Bar for the year 2021/2022**

#### **3.1 Chairman's Report**

- 3.1.1 Salim Bashir queried the Chairman whether the Selangor Bar Committee signed the extension of the Lexis Nexis agreement for a further 2 years. The Chairman replied that Selangor Bar Committee has signed the extension for 2 years starting from March 2021 to February 2023 with LexisNexis and it has slightly different features from the earlier version of the package offered.
- 3.1.2 Sandosh Anandan queried the Chairman whether the terms of extended Lexis Nexis agreement were more favourable to Selangor Bar as opposed to the previous agreement. The Chairman replied that the agreement terms were the same but it was an upgraded package from the Lexis Base Package to Lexis Advance Package for an extra of RM3



per member and the same is subsidised by the Selangor Bar Committee and members will continue to pay just RM60 per member.

- 3.1.3 Salim Bashir referred to the Chairman's Report, page 11 and congratulated the Chairman for the vaccination programme and also the shuttle services at the Shah Alam Court.
- 3.1.4 Salim Bashir queried as to how many members registered for the Selangor Bar Vaccination Initiative. The Chairman replied that 1414 members and 300 pupils registered for it.

### **3.2 Legal Aid Centre Selangor (SLAC) & YBGK**

- 3.1.1 Bernard Scott queried the Chairman whether the YBGK outstanding payments have been reimbursed to members. The Chairman replied that YBGK outstanding payments have been released up to October 2021 and the only outstanding payments at the moment is from November 2021 up to now.

### **3.2 Conveyancing Practice, SRE & Non-Contentious Matters**

- 3.2.1 Andrew Wan Kah Joon referred to page 39 and informed that he appreciated the CPC team in resolving most of the matters at the land offices especially on the removal of limitation of the queue number and transaction limit. He further suggested that the incoming CPC team to bring back the townhouse session, Teh Tarik session, etc with the land offices, LHDN, OA, etc which was conducted prior to Covid-19 as many issues were resolved directly with the officers in charge of the department during those meet ups. Andrew Wan Kah Joon also suggested to create a CPC Forum or a section in the Selangor Bar's website for easy reference instead of uploading the general issues in circulars only. He then thanked the Chairman for the time and effort taken serving in the Selangor Bar Committee. The Chairman replied that the incoming committee will look into it and she also appreciated the CPC team of Selangor Bar.

### **3.3 Young Lawyers & Pupils**

- 3.3.1 John Wong Yu Ling referred to page 122, and queried whether it is a typo error whereby only 8 out of 500 Selangor Pupils chose to have their call to the Bar in Shah Alam Court. The Chairman referred to page 29, Item 9 and replied that from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, 479 Petitions for Admission were served on the Selangor Bar Committee and 381 chambering pupils in Selangor were admitted to the Bar.

### **3.4 Selangor Bar Representative**

- 3.4.1 Bernard Scott queried the Chairman that as the Bar Representative of Selangor Bar is also the President of The Malaysian Bar, can the members be briefed about any steps taken to proportionally increase the number of representatives from the floor to the Bar Council for states that have the bulk of the membership of the Bar, primarily KL Bar and Selangor Bar. The Chairman replied that the first step was taken during the BC's EGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021, whereby there was an increase of Council Members



elected from postal ballots from 12 council members to 16 which now brings the total number of Bar Council members to 42 members and she believes that there will be more steps taken in the future.

- 3.4.7 Nurul Huda Razali informed the Chairman that the shuttle services provided at the Shah Alam court is of a big help to the members and queried whether it will continue. The Chairman replied that it was on trial for 1 month and hopefully with the feedback and responses from the members, the incoming committee will decide whether to continue with the services or not.
- 3.4.8 Renuka Devi Krishnasamy congratulated and thanked the Chairman and the team on the Vaccination Initiative for the Selangor Bar members.
- 3.4.9 Heng Kian Tee referred to Annual report which is posted on the Selangor Bar website and requested for the sub heading which was tabulated earlier. The Chairman informed that the subheading will be in the index and it is in the website.
- 3.4.10 Navind Kumar requested for clarification with regard to the renewal of the Lexis Nexis subscription as it was approved by the committee of 2020/2021 via the motion passed by the quorum then. The Chairman replied that it is correct but the renewa; was signed by the following committee for the term 2021/2022.
- 3.4.11 Sandosh Anandan queried as to the mode of conducting Civil trials at Shah Alam Court and sought clarification as to what is the practice applicable to the court i.e. either zoom or physical ?  
The Chairman informed that it is both depending on the discretion of the respective courts but mostly there are remotes hearings at the moment but has to be depending on both parties' agreement.
- 3.4.12 Saraswathy Shirke Deo thanked the Chairman for the shuttle services at the Shah Alam Court and congratulated the outgoing committee members and the Chairman for their remarkable contributions.
- 3.4.13 Sandosh Anandan queried as to what happens when one of the parties do not agree for the zoom trial and how does the court view this. The Chairman informed that it depends on the respective judge and the submissions by lawyers. She then informed that if Sandosh Anandan has further queries he can contact the Chairperson of Civil Practice and Court Liaison sub-committee and they may be able to assist.
- 3.4.14 Bernard Scott queried the Chairman whether the direction of Pengarah Mahkamah Shah Alam that all unvaccinated people are not allowed to enter the Shah Alam Court complex still in force. He continued to state that there is no circular from Chief Justice (CJ) as to deny the rights of entry to any court complexes or courts nationwide and this was confirmed to him personally by a registrar of the Kuala Lumpur High Court. The Chairman replied that the Selangor Bar has not received any complaints with regard to this issue but if there are any issues, members are to address this to the incoming committee.



- 3.4.15 Sandosh Anandan informed the Chairman that he has used the shuttle services at the Shah Alam Court and thanked the Chairman and the committee for providing the said service to the members.
- 3.4.16 Keysia M. Danial thanked the Chairman for all the effort taken to organise the Vaccination Initiative. She then queried the Chairman as to when the physical CPD seminars will be allowed moving on from the current webinar routine. The Chairman replied that we are not sure about the physical CPD seminar but for the safety of everyone, Selangor Bar will keep the webinar routine and move slowly to hybrid and then to physical when it is best suitable and safer for everyone.
- 3.4.17 Richard Wee thanked the current Selangor Bar committee for the effort taken to organise the vaccination drive for the Selangor Bar members.
- 3.4.18 V.K. Raj said many questions from the floor are moving away from agenda and requested everyone to keep with the agenda.
- 3.4.19 Alex Anton Netto informed the Chairman that the current committee is very proactive and he is proud to be a member of the Selangor Bar.
- 3.4.20 Ramesh Lachmanan informed the Chairman that he needed explanation as to why there was an increase in salaries paid in the year of 2021, the total pay out was almost RM645,000 and the salaries and bonuses were RM120,000. He also questioned as to how many staff Selangor Bar has. The Chairman replied that we haven't tabled the accounts (Item 4 of the Agenda) yet and will take the question once she has tabled the accounts. She then informed that Desmond Ho, Honorary Secretary of the Selangor Bar for the term will take the queries for Item 4 of the Agenda.

#### **ITEM 4 OF AGENDA:**

#### **To consider, and if approved, to adopt the Audited Accounts of the Selangor Bar for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021**

- 4.1 Desmond Ho informed the members to keep the questions simple, short and to follow accordingly to the agenda in order to finish the meeting in time. He then informed the members that there is a minor amendment to Page 158, Item 9 - Functions Income, Selangor Bar Food Bank - RM5,600.00 and Selangor Bar's Got Talent 2021 - RM10,500.00 and it should read as Selangor Bar Food Bank - RM10,500.00 and Selangor Bar's Got Talent 2021 - RM5,600.00.
- 4.2 Desmond Ho further informed the members that for this term we have reduced an amount of RM50.00 from the Selangor Bar's state subscription and we have reimbursed to members the same if it has already been paid. He added that we have loss more than RM300k in terms of income but we managed to balance the accounts for the whole year by budgeting each sub-committee to a certain limit for the expenditure and for those who have not used it, the allocation will be used for expenditure of other events/programmes.



- 4.3 Desmond Ho referred the members to page 160 under item Bonus and allowances whereby there is an increase from year 2020 – RM105,113.00 to year 2021 – RM128,829.00 and also item Salary & overtime where there is an increase from year 2020 – RM561,107.00 to year 2021 – RM645,601.00. He continued that in October & December 2021, 2 new staff have joined the Selangor Bar respectively and that contributed to the increase of the salary and also taking into account of the yearly salary increment of all other staff.
- 4.4 Desmond informed that we have received RM300,000.00 into our account from the Selangor State Government for the Dana Bantuan Guaman Selangor Programme (DBGS). He continued that the programme is distinguishable from Legal Aid and YBGK and the idea of the programme is focused more on family law and employment matters. He added further that those are the main cases where people always complained to the Selangor government that they are not represented in Court.
- 4.5 He continued that the Selangor State Government has been working together with Selangor Bar on this programme and they have promise at least RM1Million a year but at this point of time, we have only received RM300,000 for year 2021 because it was released at the year end. He then referred members to Page 146, Note 8 – Other payables and accruals – RM370,746.00 which included the RM300,00.00 received for this programme. He added that this fund will be specifically used for this programme which will be claimed by lawyers handling these cases under the DBGS.
- 4.6 He added that the details of the DBGS are still being ironed out with the Selangor State Government and we have yet to sign the MOU because we are still waiting for the MOU from the Selangor State Government. He added that members can actually view the accounts via the link sent to them as we do not want to show it live now as it will overload the virtual system.
- 4.7 Ramesh Lachmanan queried Desmond Ho as to who took the RM300K fund without an agreement and queried whether is it proper. Desmond Ho replied that the Selangor State government has actually released RM300K to Selangor Bar after meetings and it was minuted. The Selangor State government had to release the said money early because they have their own budget and if the money is not released, we would not be able to receive it and it will be written off for that year. He added that for 2022, we want a whole new set of monies to come in and we might get a total of RM1.3Million in the end but he left it to the new committee. He added that we have our records and the State Government have their own records of accounts on this fund.
- 4.8 The Audited Accounts were then approved, proposed by Wee Su Lin and seconded by Yu Ai Ting.

#### **ITEM 5 OF AGENDA:**

##### **To fix the Annual Subscription for the year 2022.**

- 5.1 The Chairman proposed the annual subscription fee at RM260.00 for the year 2022. She added that RM60.00 is for the subscription of LexisNexis Online services. As there



were many views to retain as well as to reduce the fees, it was then put to vote via online voting.

- 5.2 Chew Yiting queried the Chairman whether there is an expiry date to the LexisNexis subscription. The Chairman replied that it will expire on February 2023.
- 5.3 Dara Waheda informed the Chairman to assist in resolving the issue of delays at the stamp office as the counter is now taking more than 3 days. The Chairman replied that the incoming committee will look into it.
- 5.4 Navin Kumar queried the Chairman whether the RM300k fund from the Selangor state government was paid directly to Selangor Legal Aid centre and was it approved by the Bar Council. The Chairman replied that the money was paid to Selangor Bar Committee's account and BC is at all time appraised and notified of it and in fact BC informed that SBC should be the party to receive the said fund.
- 5.5 The results pertaining to the fixing of the subscription fee were:
- 167 Members :to reduce the subscription to RM210.00**  
**284 Members :to maintain the subscription at RM260.00**
- 5.6 As such, the Chairman informed the members that the annual subscription fee will be retained at RM260.00 for the year 2022.

#### **ITEM 6 OF AGENDA :**

##### **To consider Motion/s tabled**

- 6.1 There were no motions tabled.

#### **ITEM 7 OF AGENDA:**

##### **To elect one (1) member as Chairman of the Selangor Bar Committee for the year 2021/2022.**

- 7.1 The Chairman invited Hendon Mohamad to preside over items 7, 8 and 9 of the Agenda. She then thanked the members for their support and the outgoing committee for their hard work.
- 7.2 Hendon Mohamed called for the nomination of candidates for Chairman of the Selangor Bar Committee for the ensuing year.
- 7.3 Gabriel Susayan was proposed by Navind Kumar and seconded by Khairul Naim Rafidi.
- 7.4 Kokila Vaani Vadiveloo was proposed by Komathi Arunasalam and seconded by Renuka Devi Krishnasamy.



- 7.5 There being no other nominations, Navind Kumar proposed nominations to be closed, seconded by Salim Bashir.
- 7.6 Hendon Mohamad later announced the results of the election for Chairman of the Selangor Bar:
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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Kokila Vaani Vadiveloo</b> | <b>: 384</b>      |
| Gabriel Susayan               | : 81 <sup>1</sup> |
| Abstain                       | : 41              |
- 7.7 Hendon Mohamad then declared Kokila Vaani Vadiveloo as Selangor Bar's Chairman for the year 2022/2023 and proceeded with Item 8.
- 7.8 Hendon Mohamad informed that Bernard Scott has requested to proceed with Item 9 of the Agenda before proceeding with Item 8. As there were no objections, Hendon Mohamad informed the members that we will move on with Item 9 and then followed by Item 8 of the Agenda.

#### **ITEM 9 OF AGENDA:**

**To elect one (1) member to represent Selangor Bar on the Bar Council for the year 2021/2022.**

- 9.1 Hendon Mohamad called for the nomination of candidates for Selangor Bar's Representative to the Bar Council for the ensuing year.
- 9.2 M K Thas was proposed by Wee Su Lin and seconded by Shanker Sundaram.
- 9.3 Kee Mohd Thariq was proposed by Ahmad Badri Idris and seconded by Farah Adriza Zabir.
- 9.4 Bernard Scott was proposed by G Alexander. Bernard Scott has declined the nomination.
- 9.5 Gabriel Susayan was proposed by Nicholas Cheoh and seconded by Syed Muhammad Adeeb Barakbah. Gabriel Susayan has declined the nomination.
- 9.6 Murali Velautham was proposed by Nurliah Asul. Savinderjeet Kaur informed Hendon Mohamad that Murali Velautham has declined the nomination.
- 9.7 Hendon Mohamad informed the members that there is a query from Dinesh Nandrajog whether Kee Mohd Thariq is still running for the Selangor Bar's Representative position.
- 9.8 Tan Choon Hong was proposed by Shaza Hanani Zulkefly and seconded by Nurul Syafiqah.

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<sup>1</sup> The final result was 82 votes for Gabriel Susayan based on Service Provider's feedback



- 9.9 Hendon Mohamad informed the floor that Puspalingam has informed that the proposers are to get the confirmation from the candidates first before proposing as there are many nominees who have declined.
- 9.10 There being no other nominations, Puspalingam proposed nominations to be closed, seconded by Komathi Arunasalam.
- 9.11 Hendon Mohamad informed the members that Andrew Wan has proposed that we should limit the number of nominations and set a cut off time so that we could finish the meeting on time.
- 9.12 Hendon Mohamad later announced the results of the election for Selangor Bar's Representative to the Bar Council :

<b>M K Thas</b>	<b>: 259</b>
Kee Mohd Thariq	: 72
Tan Choon Hong	: 41
Abstain	: 15

- 9.13 M K Thas was declared as Selangor Bar's Representative to the Bar Council for 2022/2023.

### **ITEM 8 OF AGENDA:**

#### **To elect ten (10) members as members of the Selangor Bar Committee for the year 2020/2021.**

- 8.1 Hendon Mohamad called for nominations for the ten (10) committee members for the year 2022/2023.
- 8.2 The following candidates were nominated for election as committee members:

<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed By</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded By</u></b>
1.	Yohendra Nadarajan	Khairul Naim Rafidi	Komathi Arunasalam
2.	Nicholas Cheoh	Mark Jeyakumar	Khairul Naim Rafidi
3.	Yu Ai Ting	Wee Su Lin	Kasmani Baharuddin
4.	Nor Hisham Hj Muhammad	Izharul Effendy Ramli	Ahmad Zulfadli
5.	Eugene Roy Joseph	Wee Su Lin	David Charles
6.	Shaik Mohamed Imran	Farah Adriza Zabir	Noraida Bt Hassan
7.	Afifuddin Hafifi	Muhammad Hafizuddin Salehuddin	Komathi Arunasalam
8.	Tn Hj. Zainal Abidin	Kasmani Baharuddin	Shanker Sundaram
9.	Nurul Muhaniza Binti Hanafi	Kasmani Baharuddin	Yu Ai Ting
10.	Richard Teh	Chye Yee Teng	Maisarah Anuar



11.	Dinesh Nandrajog	Shanker Sundaram	Yohendra Nadarajan
12	Navind Kumar	Khirranya Ganeson	Syed Muhammad Adeeb Barakbah
13	Shaza Hanani Zulkefly	GS Gabriel	Khairul Naim Rafidi
14	Syed Muhammad Adeeb Barakbah	Shaza Hanani Zulkefly	Tan Wei Hong
15	Tan Wei Hong	Dashne Jeevananthan	Nicholas Cheoh
16	Alvin Neo	Yohendra Nadarajan	Kokila Vaani
17	K. Theivaendran	Komathi Arunasalam	M K Thas
	Vikneswaran Kanapathi Pillai	Navin Kumar	Tan Wei Hong
	CR Selva	Khairul Naim Rafidi	Nicholas Cheoh
18	Muhammad Afiq Audy	Siti Noorhafizah	Khairunnisa Bt Mohd Zaki
19	Navin Punj	Navin Kumar	Khirranya Ganeson
20	Hermes Media Putra	Kee Mohd Thariq	Muhammad Usaid
21	Nisha Supaya	Shaza Hanani	Syed Muhammad Adeeb Barakbah

- 8.3 Hendon Mohamad informed the floor that the nominee namely Vikneswaran Kanapathi Pillai and CR Selva are not logged in at the meeting and as such their nominations will be removed.
- 8.4 There being no other nominations, Komathi Arunasalam proposed the nominations to be closed, seconded by Khirranya Ganeson.
- 8.5 Hendon Mohamad later announced the results of the election for committee members and declared the ten candidates with the most number of votes as the elected Selangor Bar Committee members for the ensuing term, as follows:

No.	Name	Votes
1.	<b>Richard Teh</b>	<b>: 184</b>
2.	<b>Yohendra Nadarajan</b>	<b>: 170</b>
3.	<b>Alvin Neo</b>	<b>: 169</b>
4.	<b>Eugene Roy Joseph</b>	<b>: 166</b>
5.	<b>Afifuddin Hafifi</b>	<b>: 165</b>
6.	<b>Yu Ai Ting</b>	<b>: 163</b>
7.	<b>Hj. Zainal Abidin</b>	<b>: 153</b>
8.	<b>K. Theivaendran</b>	<b>: 151</b>
9.	<b>Nurul Muhaniza</b>	<b>: 149</b>



10. Dinesh Nandrajog	:	144
11. Nor Hisham Hj. Muhammad	:	54
12. Nicholas Cheoh	:	53
13. Tan Wei Hong	:	52
14. Shaik Mohamed Imran	:	47
15. Navin Punj	:	46
16. Syed Muhammad Adeeb Barakbah	:	41
17. Nisha Supaya	:	38
18. Shaza Hanani	:	38
19. Navind Kumar	:	31
20. Hermes Media Putra	:	28
21. Muhammad Afiq Audy	:	1

- 8.6 Hendon Mohamad congratulated Kokila Vaani and M K Thas for being elected as the Chairman and Selangor Bar Representative respectively.

#### **ITEM 10 OF AGENDA: General**

- 10.1 Hendon Mohamad handed over the meeting to Kokila Vaani to preside over Item 10 of the Agenda.
- 10.2 Kokila Vaani thanked Hendon Mohamad for Chairing the meeting and also thanked the members for their patience to stay on until the voting is concluded.
- 10.3 The Chairman informed that Shaik Mohamad Imran has informed that many members could not vote and demanded for a recount. The Chairman replied that the votes were tabulated by the service provider and it was facilitated and scrutinised by Hendon Mohamad, one of the senior members of the Bar.
- 10.4 Siti Noorhafizah queried the Chairman as to why there was no other votes for Muhammad Afiq Audy as all of her friends have voted for him. The Chairman replied that the votes were tabulated by the service provider and it was going live and there are no mishaps in counting the votes. She added that the results were checked by Hendon Mohamad and scrutinised before announcing it.
- 10.5 Dara Waheda states that she would appreciate it if the Selangor Bar could update members on persons to contact in case there are delays in receiving of sealed papers at the Shah Alam court. The Chairman replied that usually it will be the registrars in charge but members can always contact the respective Chairpersons.
- 10.6 Noor Azwa and Siti Noorhafiza requested for a recount of the votes. The Chairman replied that we will not do a recount as the votes were tabulated by the service providers and scrutiniser was there.
- 10.7 Kee Mohd Thariq proposed that in the future we can do an early nomination to save time. The Chairman replied that it is the prerogative of the senior member who is



conducting the election and the voting process took some time because there were many candidates nominated.

- 10.8 Members then congratulated the Chairman, Selangor Bar Representative and the newly elected committee.
- 10.9 Chua Sieh Mann informed the Chairman that hopefully the incoming committee will keep the dialogue session with Selangor land offices in view of the e-review which is supposed to take place this year to streamline their processes. The Chairman replied that the incoming committee will definitely look into this suggestion.
- 10.10 Chua Sieh Mann proposed to the Chairman whether the Selangor Bar Representative can bring up AMLA issues at Bar Council level. The Chairman replied that the Selangor Bar Representative will definitely look into it. She then thanked the members for their support.
- 10.11 The meeting ended at 7.20pm.

**DESMOND HO**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY**  
**SELANGOR BAR COMMITTEE**