

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting
The Forensic Science Society of Malaysia

Date : 25 March 2010

Time : 2.30 pm.

Place : Auditorium, Level 1, Forensic Block
Jabatan Kimia Malaysia, Petaling Jaya

The Second Annual General Meeting of the Forensic Science Society of Malaysia was chaired by the President, Mr N. Hithaya Jeevan and was attended by 41 members of the Society and 19 observers.

Address from the President.

The President welcomed members to Kimia Malaysia and to the second Annual General Meeting of the Forensic Science Society of Malaysia, FSSM. The floor was reminded that FSSM is open to professionals and should be represented by all fields of forensic science. It is hoped that FSSM will increase in number of members as well as areas of forensic interests as the Society matures.

The President introduced members of the FSSM Committee to the floor who were selected at the 1st AGM on 14 April 2009. The president thanked the Committee members for their time despite their busy schedule to contribute to the Society. In the year 2009/2010, the Committee spent most of the time discussing fundamental issues as FSSM is a new organization and need to establish some basic administrative matters. At the time, there are 215 members, of which 75 are student members.

Amendments to the Constitution voted at the first AGM had been approved by the Registrar of Societies-these were all typo and grammatical amendments.

In 2009/2010, the Society's application form went through several amendments and eventually finalized. The development of FSSM's website was initiated and preliminary work had begun. Members are encouraged to provide ideas for website.

Initial preparation for FSSM e-journal site was started and articles are welcomed by members to be put up on site.

The Society's Code of Ethics is being drafted and will be circulated to members for comment before being finalized.

Lastly, the president thanked all members and hope that members will continue to support and promote FSSM and to give ideas and suggestion for future activities of FSSM. The Committee will continue to work hard and hope to make the Society more active in the coming months.

Minutes of 1st AGM held on 14 April 2009

Draft minutes of the 1st AGM were circulated to members prior to the 2nd AGM.

Minutes of the 1st AGM were adopted after they were:

Proposed by: ACP Dr Yew Chong Hooi

Seconded by: Ahmad Ridzuan bin Ibrahim

Activities of FSSM

Office bearers were appointed from the 13 members voted by members at the AGM.

First Committee Meeting held on 10th July discussed initial administrative matters such as format for certificate, logo, application form etc.

Amendments to Society's constitution was approved by the Registrar of Societies on 15th July 2009.

The 2nd Committee Meeting was held on 5th Dec 2009 where further discussion was held on the membership application forms, website and certificate.

The 3rd Committee meeting on the 23 January discussed FSSM participation and contribution to a forensic seminar held in conjunction with the 10th anniversary celebration of the School of Health Sciences of Universiti Sains Malaysia in Kubang Kerian, Kelantan. The forensic seminar was held on the 27th January 2010. FSSM was represented by Mr. Primulapathi Jaya who presented a paper titled "The Future of Forensic Science and the Importance of Networking".

At the 3rd Committee meeting, the certificate, membership application form and logo were finalized. Meeting also discussed the possibility of establishing and developing an e-journal publication by FSSM.

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mong future activities planned are:

Forensic Symposium – to hold once every 2 years. To start off with local speakers and participants

Brochures – to come up with brochures for FSSM as information sheet to interested parties

Tag-line for FSSM – may hold a competition among members to create a tagline for FSSM.

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he Committee welcome ideas from members for activities and ideas –can be channeled to Secretary or any other Committee for consideration.

Statement of Accounts

Accounts of the Society was presented by the Treasurer Mr Primula Pathi Jaya and as attached. Statement of accounts was proposed by Dr Ahmad Fahmi Lim Abdullah and seconded by Ms Nor Aidora Saedon and adopted by the AGM.

Proposal for Amendments to Constitution

Membership of the Society is open to individuals who are Malaysian citizens over the age of 18 years MEMBERSHIP

Amend as :

Membership of the Society is open to Malaysian citizens and non-citizens who are over the age of 18 years

4.2 There are three categories of membership

Amend as:

There are four categories of membership

4.2 (i) Ordinary member

Amend as:

Member

To add 4.2 (iv)

Amend as:

4.2 (iv) Associate

5.1 (a) Ordinary member

Amend as:

member

To add c. Fellow

Amend as:

c. Fellow

Upgrading fee RM50.00 (Ringgit Malaysia: Fifty only)

Annual Subscription RM50.00 (Ringgit Malaysia: Fifty only)

To add 5.4

Amend as:

5.4 Upgrading fee of RM20.00 (Ringgit Malaysia: Twenty only) shall be payable by student member who wishes to become a full member.

9.1 A committee consisting of the following, who shall be termed the office bearers of the Society, shall be elected once in three (3) years at the annual general meeting:-

Amend as

9.1 A committee consisting of the following, who shall be termed the office bearers of the Society, shall be elected once in two (2) years at the annual general meeting:-

9.8 In the event of the death or resignation of a member of the Committee, the candidates who received the next highest number of votes at the previous election for the post affected, shall be invited to fill the vacancy. If there is no such candidate or if such candidate declines to accept the office, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt any other member of the Society to fill the vacancy until the election in the next annual general meeting.

Amend as:

The Committee, shall at its discretion, co-opt any other member of the Society into the Committee. Co-opt members shall not vote on any decisions to be made by the Committee

The above amendments were agreed unanimously by the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting.

Matters arising

Written question –whether can mention when giving evidence in court that one is a member of FSSM.

The President replied that there is no harm in mentioning that one is a member of FSSM but whether there is any implication at all remains to be seen. ACP Yew said that members should mention that they are members of FSSM at least to make the legal people to promote the Society and to show member's commitment and professionalism in forensic science.

Whether appropriate to change terminology “ordinary member” to “expert member”.

The President replied that it is not so appropriate as expertise needs to be established and the terminology is slightly odd. There was no further support for the suggestion.

E-Journal

A presentation on proposed e-journal was given by Dr Ahmad Fahmi Abdullah. The journal will be named Malaysian Journal of Forensic Science. Format for author will follow similar format to Journal of Forensic Science. Before registering with the National Library for ISSN number journal must have 10 articles to be published. Members are welcomed to provide the articles. The e-journal will be linked to FSSM website once completed.

The AGM was adjourned at 5.00pm with words of appreciation from the Chairman to all those present.

Prepared by:

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Rosnah Awang (Secretary)

Approved by:

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N. Hithaya Jeevan (President)