



## Maharashtra Mandal (Singapore)

### Minutes of Meeting of Annual General Meeting 2022

Reference No	<b>MMS / 2022 / AGM</b>
Date	<b>February 26, 2022</b>
Time	<b>02:00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>Zoom Call</b>
Attendees	<b>Refer Appendix A</b>

#### MEETING MINUTES –

Sr No	Description
1.	The required quorum was achieved at 14:00 hrs and the meeting started at 14:10 hrs after visual verification of all attendees.
2.	The 2021 AGM minutes were put forth and approved by the members and no concerns were raised. <b>Proposed by:</b> Arun Manohar <b>Seconded by:</b> Nalini Thite
3.	<b>Year 2021 Activities overview and other updates</b> Ashish Pujari, presented an overview of year 2021 activities, details as below.  <b>a) Sahitya Sahawas:</b> Sachin Ganjapurkar expressed good response to “Sahitya Sahawas” and Samvad. He also mentioned positive feedback from members on the Samvad series and wished to continue further. Ashish also appealed to members to suggest topics or speakers that members wanted to listen to in future.  <b>b) Shabdagandha:</b> To increase reach and to connect more people, Shabdagandha started FB Live streaming. Participants in Shabdagandha also presented their performance during Kojagiri Pournima based on a defined theme. This year Mohana Karkhanis co-ordinated with Jyot foundation to release a special edition book and MMS members presented their poems during a live session.  <b>c) Natyanaga:</b> Unfortunately because of the pandemic, we could not organize any drama in person. But we hosted a couple of online shows like “Khurchya - Play reading on Zoom”. Work has been completed on a short film, to be released in 2022. The Natyanaga team also contributed to the 1st May Program “Parikrama”.  <b>d) Workshop:</b> This year different workshops like Magic and acting workshop, modak making, diwali kandil workshop were organized online. Some of the workshops were free and some had token fees.

**e) Swargandha:**

Again because of the pandemic we could not organize any physical event, but the Swargandha activity group contributed to the 1st May program - Parikrama. We also released an online jukebox compilation of Morning raga based songs "Aayo Prabhat" for Diwali and "Vitthal Kiti Gava" for Ashadi Ekadashi.

**f) Rutugandh:**

This year we managed to publish only one edition of Rutugandha. We need more traction and contribution for this activity. Next exco should take this forward and improvise further.

**g) Smarnika:**

This year MMS published 100pgs Smarnika for Diwali, with good literature, drawings, event photos etc. This year we added QR code next to event photos so members can rewatch by scanning QR code which redirects to MMS YouTube channel. Members have given positive feedback about Diwali Smarnika. Ashish thanked Nalini and the Smarnika publication team for their efforts.

**h) Hasat Khelat Marathi:**

MMS has been hosting Marathi Shala online for the last two years and response from children and parents is very good. We have around 20-25 children. On behalf of MMS, Ashish thanked Sachin Jangam, Jui Chitale and Geetanjali Joshi for their dedication in running Marathi shala online. Ashish also thanked Asmita Tadwalkar and Ajay Pimpalshende for their assistance on the weekends to support Marathi Shala. Ashish also mentioned that we are looking to attract more teachers for Marathi Shala.

**i) Nabh Utaru Ale (NUA):**

Ashish applauded the overwhelming response to NUA from members and mentioned it was a blockbuster event of the year. We manage to upload and publish 50 performances on MMS YouTube channel.

**j) Ganeshotsav:**

Despite more restrictions, the MMS committee celebrated Ganeshotsav, with online programs like Vividh Gun Darshan, Je Je Uttam, Atharvashirshya Pathan and Kirtan. MMS also printed "Stotra Pustak" and distributed it to members. Ashish also highlighted good support from "Arun Tarun" group during Ganeshotsav celebration.

**k) Other Activities:**

Some other activities like Online Antakshari, Jodicha Ukhana, Navranga, participation in Racial harmony activities, 1st May Program - Parikrama, distribution of diwali gifts, FSIO MOU sign up with SICCI, community events with other organizations etc.

Diwali Gifts and Online Antakshari feedback was very good from Members.

**l) Social Media and Tech Update:**

MMS address updates have become regular activity, Library appointment booking system, FB followers have reached 8400+ while YouTube subscribers have crossed 1100.

**m) Membership Update:**

Ashish gave a membership overview. We have in total 565 members, of which 155 ordinary & associate members are yet to renew membership. We also have a total of 92 active Life members. Sachin Ganjapurkar and Mrunal Modak took life membership this year. Ashish also mentioned and suggested upcoming exco to concentrate more on increasing membership count.

	<p><b>n) Library Update:</b> Ashish thanked Asmita Tadwalkar and Swapnil Lakhe for proactively carrying out library work.</p>				
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Account Summary:</b> Account summary was presented in the meeting. Ashish mentioned lower income due to low interest rates and fewer donations this year. He also explained the expenses. Santosh Ambike appreciated exco efforts to keep expenses in control. Bhushan Gore also highlighted the cashless transaction that MMS has incorporated this year. He recommended the next exco to continue with cashless transactions.</p> <p>Ashish invited Auditors, Kaustubh Dalvi and Shymal Bhate to provide their findings / comments on Accounts and secretarial audit.</p> <p>Kaustubh provided positive feedback on the Account and secretarial audit report circulated before AGM. He mentioned everything has been carried out as per the rule and there were no adverse findings.</p> <p>For “Account receivables”, he recommended that a list be prepared and handed over to the next exco as part of normal handover procedure. He also suggested continuing some programs online and asking members about their views on online and offline programs. Smarnika and Diwali Gift were the biggest hits and have great visual benefits. Auditors also recommended continuing it even if we are spending large amounts on it to distribute as it connects more people / organizations. We could distribute copies of the Smarnika to different libraries / marathi organizations etc.</p> <p>Ashish thanked Kaustubh and Shymal for their work as auditors.</p> <p>Sachin Vartak suggested digitalising Smarnika to save cost. Yeshwant Kakad also recommended the same. Ashish explained why physical printing is needed from an advertisement perspective. Anita Kale, Nalini Thite and Santosh Ambike seconded Ashish’s views on printing smarnika. Ashish also suggested bringing this topic in discussion as we may digitalise it in future based on response and advertisers views. Yeshwant and Sachin also suggested keeping both options open, digital and hard copy.</p> <p>The general body thereafter approved the audited accounts for the year 2021. Proposed by: Santosh Ambike Seconded by: Sunitee Parasnis</p>				
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Ratifying the appointment of Asmita Tadwalkar to the Board of Advisors (BoA)</b></p> <p>Following Dr Anita Kale’s resignation on 31st Jan 2022 from BOA, the ExCo in consultation with the remaining BoA members appointed Asmita Tadwalkar to fill the vacant position. The general body ratified this appointment. The term members of BoA (term ending 2023) now consists of</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. Atul Temurnikar</td> <td>2. Rajashri Lele</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Govind Panse</td> <td>4. Asmita Tadwalkar</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed by: Yogesh Gondhalekar Seconded by: Pournima Adgaonkar</p>	1. Atul Temurnikar	2. Rajashri Lele	3. Govind Panse	4. Asmita Tadwalkar
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<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Approve “Junior Membership”</b>  To approve creation of a new membership type : "Junior Membership", which will be open to all residents of Singapore of above five (5) and below twenty-one (21) years of age.</p> <p><u>Reasons:</u> Currently we club our young members together with “Associate”. It has been felt for several years that creating a different category will help us target the youth community with specific programs, fees and eventually ensure that the youth stay connected with MMS in the long run.</p> <p>Since this will require a change to our constitution, it was approved by a vote as per following count</p> <p>Total Present : 54  Total Votes : 46  Yes : 43  No : 03</p> <p>The said amendment was approved with more than 2/3rd majority.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Minimum age criteria for Ordinary Membership</b>  To approve change in minimum age criteria for "Ordinary membership" from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years.</p> <p><u>Reasons:</u> Ordinary members are eligible to vote. The current age criteria of 18 years was found not in-line with Singapore’s own prescribed criteria of 21 years.</p> <p>Since this will require a change to our constitution, it was approved by a vote as per following count</p> <p>Total Present : 54  Total Votes : 46  Yes : 44  No : 02</p> <p>The said amendment was approved with more than 2/3rd majority.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Change renewal period to 45 days</b>  To approve change in membership fee payment term from three months to within 45 days of the commencement of each new calendar year.</p> <p><u>Reasons:</u> With the facility of “auto-renewal” the focus of a new committee should be on adding new members. Currently significant duration is lost in pursuing members to renew. With the revised period, the responsibility of renewal will fall on outgoing committee rather than incoming committee, who can focus resources on events and adding new members.</p> <p>Since this will require a change to our constitution, it was approved by a vote as per following count</p> <p>Total Present : 53  Total Votes : 47  Yes : 44  No : 03</p> <p>The said amendment was approved with more than 2/3rd majority.</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Enable Treasurer to be reelected for maximum 2 consecutive terms</b>  To enable the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to be re-elected to the same or related post (Assistant treasurer / Treasurer) for a maximum limit of two consecutive terms.</p> <p><u>Reasons:</u> Currently the Treasurer cannot be re-elected to the same post after one term. This is a critical role and due knowledge of the process is necessary for the post. Any experience imparted to the Assistant Treasurer is lost as he also cannot be re-elected.  Our processes have sufficient checks and balances for the safekeep of MMS accounts and funds.</p> <p>Since this will require a change to our constitution, it was approved by a vote as per following count</p> <p>Total Present : 53  Total Votes : 48  Yes : 48  No : 00</p> <p>The said amendment was approved with more than 2/3rd majority.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>AGM due date</b>  To approve the Annual General Meetings to be held no later than 31st March of each calendar year.</p> <p>Reasons: This is in line with several associations which have a 3 month window for AGM and has been recommended by our Law firm.</p> <p>Since this will require a change to our constitution, it was approved by a vote as per following count</p> <p>Total Present : 53  Total Votes : 46  Yes : 40  No : 06</p> <p>The said amendment was approved with more than 2/3rd majority.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Procedure for replacing a BoA member</b>  To approve the Life Members to appoint a replacement for the remaining term, in case a Board of Advisor member (BOA) is incapacitated or resigns.</p> <p>Reasons: Currently it is the duty of the Exco and other BoA members to appoint a replacement. Since the original BoA is appointed by the Life Members, any replacement should also be nominated by them.</p> <p>Since this will require a change to our constitution, it was approved by a vote as per following count</p> <p>Total Present : 52  Total Votes : 48  Yes : 46  No : 02</p> <p>The said amendment was approved with more than 2/3rd majority.</p>

12.	<p><b>Approval for version 4 of Constitution</b></p> <p>The revised version, after due legal review, has been put forth for approval by the General body. All major changes have been highlighted and voted upon individually. This approval of the overall document takes care of the documentary changes in the constitution to reflect the above, changes related to disciplinary action, online meetings etc.</p> <p>Since this will require a change to our constitution, it was approved by a vote as per following count</p> <p>Total Present : 47  Total Votes : 41  Yes : 41  No : 00</p> <p>The said amendment was approved with more than 2/3rd majority.</p>
13.	<p><b>Decide on the Entrance and annual subscription fees for Junior membership</b></p> <p>Members discussed various options to determine the entrance fees and subscription fees for Junior Members. Santosh Ambike, Sachin Ganjapurkar, Ashish Pujari, Bharat Modak, Nalini Thite and Kishor Waman expressed their views on this point. After healthy discussion it was decided to take a vote on this point.</p> <p><b>Entrance Fees</b></p> <p>Total Present : 42  Total Voted : 34  \$0 (No entrance fee) : 27  \$10 (Same as Ordinary Members) : 07</p> <p>Since more than 50% members have voted for the first option, this category of members will not attract any entrance fee.</p> <p><b>Annual Membership Fee</b></p> <p>Total Present : 42  Total Voted : 34  50% of Ordinary (\$15) : 23  2/3rd of Ordinary (\$20) : 9  Same as Ordinary (\$30): 2</p> <p>Since more than 50% members have voted for the first option, this category of members will attract a \$15 annual membership fee (50% of ordinary members).</p>
14.	<p><b>Election of Executive Committee (Ex-Co) Members and Honorary Auditors for the next term (2022-2023)</b></p> <p>Sukrut Gondhalekar mentioned that for all posts only a single entry was received so there is no need for election and a new committee has been elected unopposed. Below are his observations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All forms were received before deadline and all information were validated</li> <li>2. For all key posts applicants status is validated to check if Citizen or PR applied.</li> <li>3. Mayura Gore and Nalini Thite filled form for auditors</li> </ol>

	<p>4. For Mayura Gore only one proposer filled form so during AGM, Ashish asked for additional proposer, to which Asmita Tadwalkar proposed Mayura Gore as Auditor.</p> <p>5. Applicant membership verified.</p> <p>6. There are no two or more applications for any post and hence there will be no election to conduct.</p> <p>7. Following is the executive committee for 2022 - 23</p> <p>President – Sachin Ganjapurkar</p> <p>Vice President – Ajey Kulkarni</p> <p>Secretary – Sunitee Parasnis</p> <p>Treasurer – Sachin Kanthale</p> <p>PRO – Juilee Walimbe</p> <p>Asst Secretary – Bhushan Satam</p> <p>Asst Treasurer – Varun Ambike</p> <p>Member – Mrunal Modak</p> <p>Member – Dr Anita Kale</p> <p>Member – Minal Satam</p> <p>Member – Niranjana Nagarkar</p> <p>Member – Kishor Waman</p> <p>Member – Mohit Kulkarni</p>
15.	At the end, Ashish thanked exco members and welcomed new ExCo. New exco members introduced themselves and then AGM concluded at 05:40 pm



**Sachin Ganjapurkar**

**Secretary**

**2021 - 22**



**Bhushan Satam**

**Assistant Secretary**

**2021 - 22**



**Ashish Pujari**

**President**

**2021 - 22**

## Appendix A

### List of attendees

Sr No	Last Name	First Name	Remarks
1	Pujari	Ashish	Exco
2	Ganjapurkar	Sachin	Exco
3	Satam	Bhushan	Exco
4	Gore	Bhushan	Exco
5	Modak	Mrunal	Exco
6	Walimbe	Juilee	Exco
7	Kanthale	Sachin	Exco
8	Mhaisalkar	Priya	Exco
9	Gondhalekar	Yogesh	
10	Tadwalkar	Asmita	
11	Ambike	Santosh	
12	Modak	Bharat	
13	Waman	Kishor	
14	Kale	Rajat	
15	Kulkarni	Ajey	
16	Adgaonkar	Pournima	
17	Vartak	Sachin	
18	Kakad	Yashwant	
19	Parasnis	Suneeti	
20	Mhaisalkar	Ashwini	
21	Mhaisalkar	Bhavan	
22	Mhaisalkar	Aneesha	
23	Kale	Anita	
24	Bhale	Bhushan	



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25	Kale	Sugam	
26	Marathe	Manasi	Exco
27	Sonawane	Madhukar	
28	Manohar	Arun	
29	Raut	Lalit	
30	Satam	Minal	Exco
31	Dalvi	Kaustubh	
32	Lakhe	Swapnil	
33	Bhate	Niranjan	
34	Bhate	Shyamal	
35	Raut	Manisha	
36	Kulkarni	Pallavi	
37	Vartak	Anuja	Exco
38	Gondhalekar	Sukrut	
39	Ambike	Varun	
40	Ganjapurkar	Vishwaja	
41	Pujari	Ketaki	
42	Pujari	Soham	
43	Ambike	Smita	
44	Gore	Mayura	
45	Nagarkar	Niranjan	
46	Kanthale	Vaidehi	
47	Chinchure	Dinesh	
48	Parasnis	Swarali	Exco
49	Waman	Manisha	
50	Karnik	Sheetal	
51	Hirlekar	Siddhesh	

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52	Padhey	Mandar	
53	Neurgaonkar	Medha	
54	Kalamkar	Sucheta	
55	Thite	Nalini	