

# 6th AGM SMMAMS



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The Society of Malaysian Medical Association Medical Students (SMMAMS) is a medical student organisation under the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA). SMMAMS was established in the year 1999. Previously known as the Malaysian Medical Student Association (MMSA), this was initially an organisation by its own until it was adopted by the MMA in year 2002, and has since been known as the SMMAMS till present times. Currently, we have 1,600 members from more than 30 different medical universities in Malaysia.

SMMAMS serves as the platform to represent medical students from around the country and ensure their participation in activities pertaining to medical student affairs. This is to keep abreast with the medical world and prepare our students in facing the competitive medical profession. The objectives of SMMAMS are as follows:

- To be the advocate of Malaysian medical students on issues pertaining to medical student affairs.
- To advance issues of medical education, community service, ethics, and health policy.
- To be the principal source for obtaining and disseminating information to medical students regarding medical education.
- To be a vibrant organisation that provides values and social activities for its medical student members.
- To create a close-knit community among the medical students and build the spirit of goodwill and friendship through events and activities.
- To strive for the betterment of medical graduates.

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Back row from L to R: Adrian Chong Jin Yao, Arawiin A/L Muniandy, Kishen Kumaar A/L Raja, Hong Hung Kiat, Thanashree A/P Rajamanickam, Kanagavalli A/P Jothi, Navinnash Kumar A/L Gopal, Thum Chern Choong, and Shabbitha Gobee.

Front row from L to R: Dr Gunasagaran Ramanathan, Dr John Chew Chee Ming, Dr Ashok Zachariah Philip, Datuk Dr N. Athimulam, Dr Ravindran R. Naidu and Puventhiran A/L Pannirselvam.

On 27 September 2015, SMMAMS held their 6th Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The AGM was held in the *Dewan Bunga Raya* of MMA House, Kuala Lumpur, from 1000 hours to 1200 hours. Members of the society from various public and private medical schools in Malaysia including AIMST University, MAHSA University, University of Malaya (UM), Melaka Manipal Medical College (MMMC), Asia Metropolitan University (AMU), Perdana University, and *Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman* (UTAR) attended the meeting. The students included those who were interested in vying for the positions as office bearers for the upcoming fiscal year while others were invited as Student Council Representatives from their respective universities.

The AGM started at 1000 hours and was chaired by the adviser for SMMAMS, Datuk Dr N. Athimulam. The MMA ExCo which included President Dr Ashok Zachariah Philip, President-Elect Dr John Chew Chee Ming, Hon. General Secretary Dr Ravindran R. Naidu, Hon. General Treasurer Dr Gunasagaran Ramanathan, and Hon. Deputy Secretary Dr Ganabaskaran Nadason, were present to observe proceedings, provide guidance and also share their experiences throughout the meeting.

Datuk Dr Athimulam started the proceedings by welcoming everyone. All members who were present took turns to give their brief introductions, so to acquaint with one another before the commencement of the day's agenda. Chairman of SMMAMS for the year 2014-2015, Mr Mohamed Iliyas bin Sultan Abdul Kader from University of Malaya, and Miss Balakavitha a/p Venkatasamy, the Standing Committee Officer of Reproductive Health (SCORA), took to the stage next,

for the presentation of the year's annual and financial reports.

The elections for the office bearers of 2015-2016 soon ensued and it was a much heated affair with students of admirable credentials vying for the limited seats. Nominations were accepted from the floor and nominees were first proposed and then seconded by members of the society. The secret ballot method was used in the case of multiple nominees vying for a position. Committee members were required to briefly introduce themselves, and also speak about what they could offer to the society. The results were announced at 1130 hours, and marked the end of term for 2014-2015.

Here we, the incoming Committee members, would like to take the opportunity to say a few words of gratitude. First and foremost, we would like to thank each and every member who attended the AGM, and also to those who participated in our activities throughout the year. We, as elected representatives, will strive to remain in the forefront as an integral national medical organisation representing Malaysian medical students, and to serve our members to the best of our capacity, as outlined in our objectives. We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of the outgoing board, for the efforts they have put into running the society for the term of 2014-2015. Thirdly, we are grateful to the MMA, whose support provides us with the opportunity to function as the leading voice of Malaysian medical students.

The AGM then ended at 1145 hours with light refreshments.

### SMMAMS Committee 2015-16

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| <b>Advisor</b>                      | : | Datuk Dr N. Athimulam             |
| <b>Chairman</b>                     | : | Puventhiran Pannirselvam (AIMST)  |
| <b>Vice Chairman</b>                | : | Navinnash Kumar Gopal (UM)        |
| <b>Honorary Secretary</b>           | : | Thanashree A/P Rajamanickam (AMU) |
| <b>Honorary Treasurer</b>           | : | Kishen Kumar Raja (AIMST)         |
| <b>Honorary Assistant Secretary</b> | : | Thum Chern Choong (Perdana)       |
| <b>Committee Members</b>            | : | Kanagavalli A/P Jothi (AMU)       |
|                                     |   | Hong Hung Kiat (MAHSA)            |
|                                     |   | Arawin A/L Muniandy (AIMST)       |
|                                     |   | Shabbitha Gobee (MMMC)            |
|                                     |   | Adrian Chong Jin Yao (UTAR)       |