

**Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the
Master of Public Administration Alumni Association (MPAAA)
held on 30 December 2007 at 12:00 p.m.
in Library, 6/F, Ming Wah Complex, HKU**

Present

Mr. Tam Tai-keung	Vice Chairperson
Ms Lau Chi-wai Edwina	Vice Chairperson
Ms Lee Chi-ching, Kathy	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Ho Kam-tim, William	Hon. Secretary
Mr. Lau Man-kwong	Member
Mr. Lui Hok-leung, Michael	Member
Ms Lee Wai-ye, Helen	Member (note-taker)

Absent with Apologies

Dr Chan Yiu-wing	Chairperson
Ms Chan Suk-yin, Irene	Member
Mr. Lor Hing-hung, Louis	Member
Mr. Pang Chung-yin	Member

In Attendance

Dr. Danny Lam Wai-fung	MPAAA Course Director
Mr. Chong Wing-hong	MPAAA member

Action

Quorum for the Meeting

Mr. T K Tam, the Vice Chairperson announced that the quorum of the AGM under the MPAAA Constitution had been met and the Meeting could commence.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

2. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed without amendment and signed by Mr. T K Tam.

Annual Report by the Honorary Secretary for the Year 2007

3. Mr. William Ho reported that the Executive Committee (EC) had participated in a number of celebratory activities of the 40th Anniversary of the Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU such as the Sociologist Gathering held on 13 February 2007 at the University Lodge, and the Reunion Dinner on 5 December 2007 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in which about 50 MPA alumni had taken part to support this meaningful event.

4. He went on to report that attempts had been made to organize a visit to the Shenzhen Community Party School in August 2007 but it was subsequently called off due to clash of time schedule among the parties concerned. Nonetheless, the EC would continue to pursue for it and also explore other visit opportunities in the year ahead to build stronger tie among the alumni. In view of the alumni's growing interest in Tsinghua study tour, the Department of Politics and Public Administration (PPA) had undertaken to explore the feasibility with Tsinghua University for them to join the course with the current year of MPA students in 2008. The result would be announced in the MPAAA website in due course.

(Post-meeting note: The upcoming Tsinghua study tour for the MPA alumni would be held from 22 to 29 May 2008. Preliminary details and the enrolment forms had been posted onto the MPAAA website at <http://www3.hku.hk/alumnibodies/mpaaa/doc/tsinghuacourseflyer.pdf>)

5. The EC had considered the designs of MPAAA logo and letterhead prepared by Mr. Louis Lor. The designs would be further revised for EC's discussion .

6. Ms Edwina Lau proposed and Ms Kathy Lee seconded to adopt the Secretary's Report.

Financial Report by the Honorary Treasurer

7. Ms Kathy Lee presented the audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the period ending 31.8.2007. She reported that the account balance stood at \$47,016.10 as at 31.8.2007. A surplus of \$9,898 was recorded in the year due to the collection of membership fee of \$10,200 less a deficit of \$302 for organizing the luncheon talk on 16.12.2006.

8. There being no enquires, Mr. Michael Lui proposed and Mr. William Ho seconded to endorse the Financial Report.

9. Mr. T K Tam, the Vice Chairperson expressed his heartfelt thanks to Ms Kathy Lee and Mr. Frederick Wong, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Auditor respectively, for their efforts in preparing the Financial Report.

Any Other Business

(I) Membership Renewal

10. As part of the membership drive efforts, Mr. Michael Lui proposed and members agreed to give concession for all first-time Ordinary members to upgrade their 3-year membership to a life membership by topping up the difference of \$700 before expiry of their current membership.

11. For easy administration in maintaining membership record and to encourage membership renewal, the meeting reached a consensus to extend the period of the first 3-year Ordinary membership to the end of a calendar year in which the 36th month fell. Thereafter, the Ordinary membership, upon renewal, would be valid till the 31st December of the coming 3rd year.

12. These new policies would be made known to all MPA alumni and MPAAA members. In parallel, membership application form would be revised to incorporate the topping-up proposal.

(II) Luncheon Talk by Visiting Professor

13. Dr. Lam said that Professor Roger Parks, an Emeritus Professor from Indiana University with recent research topics focusing on policing, would visit Hong Kong as the guest lecturer of the MPA workshop course in March 2008. He suggested inviting Professor Parks to deliver a luncheon talk for the MPA alumni during his visit to Hong Kong.

14. Dr. Lam undertook to check with Professor Parks of his availability and would keep the Secretary informed of the result.

Dr. Lam

(Post-meeting note: Professor Parks would deliver a luncheon talk after the Election General Meeting on 29 March 2008. His profile, topic of the talk and the registration method were available from <http://www3.hku.hk/alumnibodies/mpaaa/doc/flyerparks.pdf>)

(III) Election General Meeting (EGM) for the Election of New Executive Committee

15. Mr. T K Tam, the Vice Chairman remarked that the current term of the Executive Committee was due to expire on 9 April 2008 and an Election General Meeting (EGM) ought to be held prior to its expiry for the election of the new EC.

16. Mr. Michael Lui added that a candidate list of MPA alumni who would stand for the election had to be promulgated before the EGM. In this regard, he would request all EC members to confirm whether they would continue to serve the MPAAA in due course.

EC members

17. An announcement notice would be published to invite all William Ho alumni to attend the EGM when date and place were fixed.

(Post-meeting note: A notice was issued on 29 February 2008 to invite alumni to attend the EGM and to register as candidates for the next term of the EC. A candidate list was also posted onto MPAAA website <http://www3.hku.hk/alumnibodies/mpaaa/> on 7 March 2008)

(IV) Appointment of New Chairman

18. Mr. William Ho reported that the existing Chairman would be stepped down upon expiry of his term of office on 9.4.2008. The EC would follow up to identify suitable candidates for the new EC Chairman and members.

19. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Mr. Tam Tai-keung
Vice Chairperson, Executive Committee
MPA Alumni Association, HKU