

2021 SA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is given that the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Scrabble Association will be held virtually at 5:30 p.m. on 11 April 2021. Any amendments to date will be emailed to members and also posted to the Events page of Toucanet (www.toucanet.com). Those wishing to attend should fill up the form ([SA AGM 2021 Attendance](#)). It is expected that the Zoom platform will be used and a link will be sent in due course.

1. Matters Arising

2. To note report of the Committee for 2020.

3 To consider and adopt the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting. These were circulated by email.

4. To note the change of address of the Association. This took place in early 2021 and has been approved by the Registry of Societies.

5. To approve the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

6. To elect the SA Officers and Committee for the term until the conclusion of the 2022 Annual General Meeting. The current Treasurer, Toh Weibin, must retire and the committee recommends that he be elected Secretary, and the current Secretary, Marlon Prudencio, be elected as Treasurer for the 2021-2022 term. Any members interested in serving on the Committee are encouraged to email president@toucanet.com failing which the other members of the committee will stand for reelection to their current posts.

7. To elect two new Honorary Auditors for the year to 31 December 2021. SA thanks Lee Guan Hui and Liew Kian Boon for serving as Honorary Auditors for 2020. Please let us know if you would like to serve as Auditor for 2021.

8. Special business: To pass amendments to the Constitution as follows, subject to approval by Registry of Societies. See Committee report for elaboration.

Item	Original	Proposed Amendments
2	Its place of business shall be at "10 Anson Road, #16-16 International Plaza Singapore 079903" or at such other place of address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Committee and approved by the Registrar of Societies...	Its place of business shall be at " 10 Anson Road, #16-16 International Plaza Singapore 079903 14 Robinson Road, #08-01A Far East Finance Building, Singapore 048545" or at such other place of address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Committee and approved by the Registrar of Societies...
4.1a	Ordinary Members: Any person who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Ordinary Membership. Ordinary Members shall be eligible to vote and stand for elections	<no further changes> Ordinary Members: Any person of legal voting age who has an interest in Scrabble and who is not eligible to be admitted to either Student or Senior Citizen

	to the committee.	Membership, may be admitted to Ordinary Membership. Ordinary Members shall be eligible to vote and stand for elections to the committee.
4.1b	Life Members: Any Ordinary Members may become a Life Member upon payment of a lump sum decided by the Society...	Life Members: Any Ordinary Members person who has an interest in Scrabble may become a Life Member upon payment of a lump sum decided by the Society. ...
4.1c	Student Members: Any full-time student either in a Government or private institution in Singapore who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Student Membership. Student Members are not eligible to vote or stand for elections to the Committee.	Student Members: Any full-time student either in a Government or private institution in Singapore who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Student Membership. Student Members are not eligible to vote. [TW1] Student Members above 18 years of age may stand for election as Ordinary Committee Members subject to the express approval of the President and subject to an upper limit of two (2) Student Members serving on the Committee at any time.
4.1d	Senior Citizen Members: Any person above 55 years of age who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Senior Citizen Membership. Senior Citizen Members are not eligible to vote or stand for election to the Committee.	Senior Citizen Members: Any person above 55 years of age who has an interest in Scrabble may be admitted to Senior Citizen Membership. Senior Citizen Members are eligible to vote or and stand for election to the Committee.
5.2	A new member must be proposed and seconded by existing members. His name will then be posted on the notice board in the Society's premises for one week at the end of which time the Committee will decide on the application for membership taking into consideration and objections raised.	A new member must be proposed and seconded by existing members. His name will then be posted on the notice board in the Society's premises for one week at the end of which time the Committee will decide on the application for membership taking into consideration and objections raised. The Committee will decide on the application for membership.
6.2	For Senior Citizen Membership, the entrance fee is waived and the monthly subscription payable shall be half or less that payable by Ordinary Membership.	<i>[To be removed since 6.1 already states that the "entrance fees and subscriptions shall be determined by the General Meeting on recommendation from the Committee from time to time."]</i> [TW2]
6.5	<new clause>	The income and property of the Society whensoever derived shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or

		otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them.
7.2	An Annual General Meeting shall be held in September.	An Annual General Meeting shall be held in September not later than March each year.
8.2	Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting and election will follow on a simple majority vote of the members. All office bearers, except the Treasurer may be reelected to the same or related posts for a consecutive term of office. The term of office of the Committee is 1 year.	<no further changes> Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting and election will follow on a simple majority vote of the members. All office bearers, except the Treasurer may be reelected to the same or related posts for a consecutive term of office. The term of office of the Committee is 1-year two years.
8.4	A Committee Meeting shall be held at least once every 3 months after giving seven days' notice to Committee Members The President may call a Committee Meeting at any time by giving five days' notice. At least ½ of the Committee Members must be present for its proceedings to be valid.	A Committee Meeting shall be held at least once every 3-six (6) months after giving seven (7) days' notice to Committee Members The President may call a Committee Meeting at any time by giving five (5) days' notice. At least half of the Committee Members must be present for its proceedings to be valid.
10.3	The financial year shall be from 1 st July to 30 th June.	The financial year of the Association shall be from 1st July to 30th June the 1 st of January to 31 st of December of each year.
12.1	Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Society but the shall not be admitted to the privileges of the Society nor shall they be admitted into the premises more than six times in a calendar year. These visits are to be confined to not more than once in 14 days.	Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Society but the shall not be admitted to the privileges of the Society nor shall they be admitted into the premises more than six times in a calendar year. These visits are to be confined to not more than once in 14 days. Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Society but they shall not be admitted into the privileges of the Society. All visitors and guests shall abide by the Society's rules and regulations.
12.2	A Visitors' Book shall be kept in which shall be entered the names of all visitors and guests, together with the names and signatures of the members nominating them and the dates of their visits. No person shall be a visitor or guest till his name has been entered in this book.	[To be removed]

[TW1] Do we wish to amend, e.g. to allow 18 or 21 and above to vote? Should we restrict student membership to be below 21? Or how about "youth membership" with no restrictions on whether the person is a full-time student?

There may be older “students” as well. Perhaps the intention of this is more to cater towards youths rather than students?

[\[TW2\]](#)Alternatively, we should include student/youth membership.

9. Any Other Business

Additional Notes:

- a. We are able to hold the AGM virtually under the "Alternative Arrangements Order" (<https://www.mha.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/faqs-on-holding-of-meetings-for-registered-societies.pdf>) which has been extended to end of June 2021.
- b. Usually these notices and minutes are circulated in the newsletter. However the absence of face-to-face activity means that the newsletter has been in abeyance. For one thing, material has been in short supply. For another, we have forgone subscription revenue for a year, so the saving in expenditure is welcome.
- c. Our previous office address provider moved in late 2020. We were therefore obliged to change address for which there was a \$40 fee payable to ROS. There will be a saving in annual expenditure as the current provider charges less.
- d. Online play has substituted for much of the face-to-face activity for the time being. SA thanks all those members who have worked to keep everything going.
- e. Many thanks also to those who helped organise Team SG for the virtual 2020 Gladiators WESPA Youth Cup, which was held in early 2021.