



## SINGAPORE COMPUTER SOCIETY

### MINUTES OF THE 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Present	:	Mr Howie Lau (Chairman) 2 Honorary Fellow Members 25 Fellow Members 27 Senior Members 82 Professional Members 1 Associate Member 1 Affiliate Member 1 Student Chapter Member
No. of Proxies	:	283
In Attendance	:	SCS Secretariat

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#### INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 7.20pm after the Chairman, Mr Howie Lau (FSCS, No. 14616) confirmed that there was a quorum. He welcomed the members and thanked them for their attendance.

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 23 March 2017 were adopted on the proposal of Mr Alphonsus Pang (FSCS, No. 21424) and seconded by Mr Philip Kwa (FSCS, No. 04662).

#### 2. To Receive and Adopt the Report of the Executive Council

- 2.1 The Chairman reflected upon 2017 as a special year for SCS and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme of “Celebrating the past; Envisioning the future” epitomising the Society’s ongoing pursuit to be a catalyst of growth for the tech industry.

He also shared the key highlights of 2017:

- Professional membership grew by 8.7%
- Member activities notched up to an average of 3 events per week
- Event participation crossed the 10,000 mark

- Mobile & Wireless Chapter rebranded to Internet of Things (IoT) Chapter
- Infocomm Security (IS) Special Interest Group (SIG) elevated to a Chapter
- Inauguration of AI & Robotics (AI & R) SIG
- Launch of Certified Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO) Programme
- Introduction of Cybersecurity Career Mentoring Series

## 2.2 **Growing Membership and Value**

The Society went from strength to strength boasting 32,588 members as at 31 December 2017. Professional membership registered a robust growth of 8.7% and the community of over 23,000 infocomm students added vibrancy to the Society's membership base. Referencing the cut-off point for the NUS School of Computing which came only second to the School of Medicine, the Chairman bore confidence in a strong pipeline of talent coming through.

Member activities teemed high on an average of 3 events per week and were met with a record high overall attendance of 11,210 participants. The Society's dynamism vested in over 60 committees and more than 800 volunteers contributing to various initiatives and programmes of the Society. The Chairman thanked all volunteers and specialist groups for keeping the Society well connected and relevant to its members.

## 3. **Advancing Professionalism & Enhancing Employability**

### 3.1 **Communities of Practice**

The Society had 15 specialist groups following the addition of two new Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The AI & Robotics (AI & R) Special Interest Group (SIG) led by Mr Toh Keng Hoe (MSCS, No. 23792) was launched on 28 October 2017 at the SCS50 Drone Experience, while the Women in Technology (WiT@SG) SIG headed by Ms Meggy Chung (MSCS, No. 24295) was launched on 15 January 2018 at the Women in Technology & Design Conference.

Under the leadership of Mr Philip Kwa (FSCS, No. 04662), the Infocomm Security (IS) SIG was elevated to a Chapter on 16 March 2017. More recently, the Supply Chain Management (SCM) SIG became a Chapter on 28 March 2018. Additionally, the Mobile & Wireless Chapter led by Mr Loh Mun Yew (SMSCS, 15610) was rebranded to Internet of Things (IoT) Chapter to better reflect the emerging tech trend.

Serving as the communities of practices, both SCS Chapters and SIGs brought likeminded professionals together for good practice sharing, knowledge advancement and to build a larger community.

### 3.2 **Professional Development Events**

The Society continued to run a series of activities from Tech<sup>3</sup> Forum to Youth Engagement Series and SCS Tech Series such as TechHour, IDEAS and ASCENT to enrich members' learning experience. The Chairman reiterated on the importance of the quality of events as evidenced by high participation rates over the quantity of events.

### 3.3 **SCS TechSkills Accelerator (TeSA) Initiative**

With technology moving at an exponential rate, the ability to acquire new skills and meet changing job requirements would continually be a challenge for tech professionals. For this reason, the SCS TechSkills Accelerator (TeSA) initiative led by Dr Chong Yoke Sin (FSCS, No. 13258) and Mr Chak Kong Soon (FSCS, No. 03026) had been a busy area for the Society.

There was a good momentum of activities since the launch of SCS Career Compass in October 2016, with 148 ICT career mentors supporting this industry-led initiative and spending personal time to provide career mentoring and training advisory to mid-career professionals.

Benchmarking skillsets helped tech professionals gain recognition and the Chairman lauded members for investing time to get certified amid balancing work and family commitments. Beyond certifications and mentoring programmes, the Society also participated in the newly launched Skills Framework to drive capability building for infocomm technology.

## 4. **Celebrating Relationships and Talents**

### 4.1 **Boosting Connectivity**

The Society kick-started its anniversary celebration at the SCS50 Gala Dinner graced by Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam. Hosting 1,246 guests on 10 March 2017 at the Resorts World Sentosa, the occasion shone a spotlight on past SCS Presidents, celebrated key milestones of the tech industry and conferred the 19<sup>th</sup> Honorary Fellow on a long-time member, Mr Bill Liu for his five decades of contributions to the tech community.

The anniversary celebration culminated with the SCS50 Drone Experience on 28 October 2017 graced by Minister Ong Ye Kung. Two years in planning led by Mr Ong Whee Teck (SMSCS, No. 19910), the SCS50 Drone Experience saw some 3,000 members of the public navigating drones and learning about emerging technologies. Among the highlights was the SCS Splash Awards – Drone Challenge which showcased youths addressing real-life challenges with drone technology.

Other social events such as Chill Out Night, Movie Night, Golf Day and the new IT Youth Council (ITYC) Tech & Tonic also provided invaluable opportunities for members to meet and catch up on the latest happenings in the tech industry.

### 4.2 **Recognising the Best**

Into its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the IT Leader Awards recognised six distinguished individuals at the SCS Gala Dinner held on 9 March 2018 at the Shangri-La Hotel: Mr Eddie Chau (IT Leader of the Year), Ms Janet Ang (Hall of Fame), Mr Min-Liang Tan (Outstanding Achievement Award), Mr Oliver Tan (Entrepreneur of the Year), Mr Richard Koh (Entrepreneur of the Year) and Mr Liu Lung Hao (IT Youth).

The biennial Best Tech Company to Work For Award 2017 recognised 10 companies investing in talent development: Razer and Red Hat (Large Orgs/MNCs), Titansoft (Mid-sized Org), Carousell (Small Org/Start-up), Accenture, EON Reality, IBM, ST Electronics (Info-Comm Systems), Tableau and Tinkerbox.

The Tech<sup>3</sup> Forum on 12 July 2017 graced by Minister Lim Swee Say also saw the Society recognising best papers and contributors of the International Journal of IT (IJIT) led by Prof Miao Chun Yan (SMSCS, No. 18863).

#### 4.3 **Engaging Youths**

The ITYC led by Mr Jason Chen (MSCS, No. 19790) revved up youth engagement and facilitated leadership renewal with Ms Fung Kaylee (MSCS, No. 19646) taking over the helm to continue to enthuse young professionals to chart out a rewarding career in the tech industry through Youth Engagement Series (YES!) and new workshops.

Having already reached out to all 20 institutes of higher learning, Student Chapters led by Mr Adrian Chye (SMSCS, No. 14390) and Ms Lum Seow Khun (SMSCS, No. 12786) focused on deepening engagement with infocomm students and helping them to get acquainted with tech companies through site visits and career sharing.

#### 4.4 **Engaging the Community**

The Society proactively engaged the community to help drive the growth of tech ecosystem. Besides having the Executive Council give direct feedback to the government and industry players, it leveraged on specialist groups such as the IS Chapter to provide feedback on the draft Cybersecurity Bill, and the Project Management (PM) Chapter to share views on industry practices to the Personal Data Protection Committee.

4.5 The Executive Council's report was adopted on the proposal of Mr Adrian Chye (SMSCS, No. 14390) and seconded by Mr Jason Chen (MSCS, No. 19790).

### **5. To Receive and Adopt the Statements of Accounts**

5.1 Honorary Secretary Mr Tan Teng Cheong (FSCS, No.11766) presented the audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 on behalf of Honorary Treasurer, Dr Timothy Chan (FSCS, No.07641) who was out of town.

5.2 He reported that surplus after tax rose 13% to \$54,176. Revenue grew 21% and expenses went up 22% correspondingly as the Society invested some \$150,000 on renovations to better serve the members.

5.3 Mr Tan explained the variances of key Income & Expenditure items and highlighted the following key factors for the healthy surplus:

- (1) Increase in professional membership income by 4%
- (2) Increase in event income by 24%
- (3) Increase in sponsorship by 38%
- (4) Increase in professional certification income by 4%
- (5) Increase in government grants and subsidies by 315%
- (6) Prudent spending

5.4 The Statements of Accounts were adopted on the proposal of Mr Jason Chen (MSCS, No. 19790) and seconded by Mr Andrew Lim Choo Beng (SMSCS, No. 21310).

## **6. To Appoint a Public Accounting Firm as Auditors**

- 6.1 The proposal to re-appoint Baker Tilly TFW LLP as auditors for the coming year was proposed by Mr Dennis Ang (FSCS, No. 07578) and seconded by Mr Lee Kwok Cheong (FSCS, No. 17445).

## **7. To Re-elect SCS President**

- 7.1 Honorary Secretary Mr Tan Teng Cheong (FSCS, No.11766) took the members through SCS Constitution Article 14(c)(ii) stipulating the provision of re-election following a maximum consecutive period of three terms, while SCS President Mr Howie Lau (FSCS, No. 14616) excused himself from the re-election process.
- 7.2 The Executive Council unanimously recommended Mr Lau to extend his term by one more year to provide continuity to SCS TeSA which he started. Under his leadership, SCS TeSA launched five initiatives from end 2016 to 2017, charted out Digital Proficiency (DigiPro) Programme for launch in the second quarter of 2018, and conceptualised two more new initiatives. Mr Lau's active engagement and close connection with the government and industry players also helped raise the esteem of the Society, and SCS membership grew 23.3% to 9,425 between January 2015 and December 2017 during his presidency.
- 7.3 Mr Lau's re-election was put to vote with Mr Tan running through the e-voting mechanism and seeking affirmation from the voting members present.

## **8. To Elect the Executive Council**

- 8.1 As the following were the only nominations received for the key positions, they were unanimously elected to their respective offices:

Vice-President:	Dr Chong Yoke Sin	(FSCS, No. 13258)
Vice-President:	Mr Ong Whee Teck	(SMSCS, No. 19910)
Vice-President:	Mr Yap Chee Yuen	(FSCS, No. 02228)
Honorary Secretary:	Mr Tan Teng Cheong	(FSCS, No.11766)
Honorary Treasurer:	Mr Adrian Chye Choon Hoong	(SMSCS, No. 14390)

- 8.2 There were seventeen nominees for the twelve vacancies of Council Member. The Chairman invited each of the following nominees to briefly introduce themselves.

Council Member:	Mr Dennis Ang Keng Leong	(FSCS, No. 07578)
Council Member:	Dr Timothy Chan Wai Kuen	(FSCS, No. 07641)
Council Member:	Mr Jason Chen Jianwen	(MSCS, No. 19790)
Council Member:	Ms Stephanie Davis	(MSCS, No. 24533)
Council Member:	Mr Han Chung Heng	(SMSCS, No. 13936)
Council Member:	Mr Khoong Hock Yun	(FSCS, No. 15120)
Council Member:	Dr Kwong Yuk Wah	(FSCS, No. 12773)
Council Member:	Mr Keith Leong Kah Fai	(MSCS, No. 24532)
Council Member:	Mr Li Jing Chan Tomas	(MSCS, No. 50100)
Council Member:	Mr Andrew Lim Choo Beng	(SMSCS, No. 21310)
Council Member:	Ms Lum Seow Khun	(SMSCS, No. 12786)
Council Member:	Mr Lawrence Ng Kian Seng	(SMSCS, No. 12292)

Council Member:	Mr Leslie Ong Yew San	(SMSCS, No. 16321)
Council Member:	Mr Harish Pillay	(FSCS, No. 05479)
Council Member:	Mr Joshua Soh Leng Hiap	(FSCS, No. 14058)
Council Member:	Mr Tony Tay Yee Paa	(SMSCS, No. 07748)
Council Member:	Mr Yeo Teck Guan	(SMSCS, No. 20309)

8.3 Mr Ong Teck Kiat (SMSCS, No. 13792) and Mr Micah Tan (SMSCS, No. 08828) volunteered to be the scrutineers to oversee the authenticity and tabulation of e-votes.

8.4 Having received more than 75% of the votes, Mr Lau was re-elected to the same office, and the following members were elected to the Executive Council for securing the highest number of votes:

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9. **Any Other Matters**

9.1 The Chairman thanked the Honorary Advisory Council members, Executive Council members, Secretariat and members of the Society for their support and contributions. He also took the opportunity to thank Executive Council members and Chapter Presidents who had stepped down this year.

9.2 There, being no other matters, the Chairman thanked the members for their time in attending the AGM. The meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Minutes were confirmed on 17 April 2018.

  
 Mr Howie Lau How Sin  
 President  
 SCS Executive Council 2017/2018

  
 Mr Tan Teng Cheong  
 Honorary Secretary  
 SCS Executive Council 2017/2018