# **Proceedings of the 2020 Annual General Meeting**

**Date**: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Thursday **Time**: 7:00 p.m. – 8:01 p.m.

**Venue**: Conference Room, Centre O, 14/F China Hong Kong Tower, 8

Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

#### Attendance:

**Corporate Members** (Voting Members) at Centre O:

IU King Kwong, Aaron LUI Shiu Wai, WONG Cheung Lam, William FUNG Pak Yu, Wilson HO Wai Lun, CHENG Kin Wui, LAW Chi Wing, Calvin CHIU Ka Fai, Chris KWOK Kwun Ting, Henry CHAN Chi Kee, Joshua CHUNG Tak Leung, Alson PANG Yuen Fai, Ken WONG Kin Chung, Clief TANG Chi Kong, Cindy CHEUNG Shuk Ching, James CHOI Pui Sum, TANG Wai Him, Claudine LEE Ka Yan, Paul MOK Kwing Fai

## <u>Corporate Members</u> (Voting Members) via Zoom

David YEUNG Bing Kwan, LAU Tak Yan, Lyn LIN Jun Lin, James MA Kit Cheong, Chris HU Man Kit, William JIANG Wei Long, Schrodeder TAM Kin Tak, Justin KWAN Ka Chun, Christian SO, WONG Chor Kuen, CHEUNG Ming Kai, Randolph LEUNG Chi Kin, WONG Wing Yee

### Voting Members whose Proxies were received by the Honorary Secretary:

Westwood HONG Koon Wai, Leslie LAU Wai Tang, CHONG Fan, WAI Chok Pong, NG Ka Wah, Ben HO Ming Bun, LEUNG Cho Shing, LEUNG Yuen Tat, OR Wai Shan, Andrew CHEUNG Chung Ki, MA Sau Ping, CHENG Wai Fat, Jackel LAW Cheuk Ho, WONG Chi Hang, CHAN Cheuk Yin, TSUI Ying Kit, LEUNG Wing Sun, LAM Ching Mau, WONG Kam San, NG Chi Chung, CHAN Kwok Wai, Mohamed Hasan ISA, CAI Ting, Jennifer TSANG Arr, CHU Sze Shing, LEUNG Chun Ting, Wilson YUEN Wing Chung, YIU King Chung, CHAN Mei Ho, Andrew CHEUNG Sau Cheong, Benson LEE Yau Hang, LEE Chee Kwan, Grace KWOK May Han, Frank CHEUNG Siu Ming, LAU Chi Wai, CHEUNG Liu Yee

## Non-corporate Members:

Kenneth LEE Kin Keung, Nicole CHAN Chi Ying

#### Guests:

John TSE, LAI Zi Gin, Gary YUEN, Horus CHAN



## **Proceedings**

- 1. At 7:00 p.m., the Honorary Secretary, Mr Aaron LUI Shiu Wai, checked and declared that the total number of voting Members present had satisfied the requirement for a quorum as stipulated in Article 37 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association (MoA) of the Hong Kong Institutes of Acoustics Limited (HKIOA), and he announced the commencement of the 2020 AGM.
- 2. Members were briefed just before the start of the meeting that according to Article 37 of the MoA, any resolution put to vote shall be decided on a show of hands.
- 3. Mr LUI went directly to Agenda Item 1, which was to confirm the Proceedings of the 2019 AGM held on 21st March 2019, a copy of which had already been sent Members via the Notice of the 2020 AGM. Mr LUI advised the meeting that the secretariat did not receive any comments or suggestions on any proposed amendments to the draft Proceedings up to that moment. As there were also no other comments or suggestions from Members on the spot, Mr LUI, invited Members to accept the Proceedings of the 2019 AGM. Mr Joshua CHUNG Tak Leung proposed and Mr CHEUNG Ming Kai second the motion to accept the Proceedings of the 2019 AGM. Members were asked to express their support, or objection otherwise, by a show of hands. As the majority of Members supported the motion and there were no objections or comments from Members, the Chairman of the HKIOA, Dr LAW Chi Wing, announced that the Proceedings of the 2019 AGM was thereby confirmed.
- 4. On the next Agenda Item 2, which was to accept the 2019/2020 Chairman's report, and an electronic copy of the report had been sent to Members before the meeting and posted in the HKIOA website. Dr LAW, the Chairman shared a brief highlight of the report with the Meeting.
- 5. Dr LAW described the past year had been particularly difficult due to the social events and the COVID-19 epidemic, but the Institute still managed to organize and supported a number of activities like technical seminars, educational training, regional conferences, international collaboration and social functions for networking in the second half of 2019.



- 6. Dr LAW mentioned particularly the "Joint-institute Bowling Night" organized in association with five environmental professional institutions - EMAHK, HKIEIA, HKIQEP, CIWEMHK and HKIEPO; the very significant public event of Hong Kong Soundscape - A Sound Map Creation Competition; the very well received Technical Visit to Xiqu Centre: the Technical Seminars on Innovative Noise Mitigation Designs and 4D Virtual Reality System with overwhelming response; and also a technical seminar on "Innovative Vibration Isolation Design for Building Elements in Europe and US". There was also an International Noise Seminar on Innovative Acoustic Windows organized by East and South-East Asia (ESEA) Regional Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America and co-organized by the HKIOA; and the Regional 12th Cross-strait Acoustics Technical Conference cum Summit Conference of Acoustical Society of China-Environmental Acoustics supported by HKIOA. In closing, Dr LAW took the opportunity to thank all the Organizing Committees and the Executive Committee, who had made the abovesaid events a great success and wished the Institute could scale new heights.
- 7. Mr LUI invited comments or feedback from Members on the Chairman's Annual Report. As there were no other comments from the attendees, Ir IU King Kwong proposed, and Mr Chris KWOK Kwun Ting seconded the motion to accept the Chairman's Report. Members were asked to express their support, or objection otherwise, by a show of hands. As the majority had supported the motion and there were no objections from Members, Dr LAW announced that the 2019/2020 Chairman's Report was thereby accepted.
- 8. The next Agenda Item 3 was to accept the Financial Report made by the Honorary Treasurer of the Institute. Dr Calvin CHIU Ka Fai, the Honorary Treasurer, told the meeting that the Institute's finance was in a healthy condition and the Auditor had had a true and fair view of HKIOA's Annual Financial Report as of end 2019. He took the meeting through some details of the accounts, including the income and expenditures of all the major events and activities held during the year ended 2019.
- 9. Mr LUI invited comments or feedback from Members on the Honorary Treasurer's Financial Report. As there were no other comments from the Members, Mr Wilson HO Wai Lun proposed, and Mr William FUNG Pak Yu seconded the motion to accept the Financial Report. Members were asked to express their support, or objection otherwise, by a show of



hands. As the majority of Members had supported the motion and there were no objections from Members, Dr LAW announced that the Financial Report made by the Honorary Treasurer was thereby accepted.

- 10. The next Agenda Item 4 was for the appointment of Auditor for the coming session. According to Articles 87 of the MoA of the Institute, an auditor should be appointed during each AGM to hold office until the next AGM. The Auditor for the current term 2019/2020 of the Committee was Alan CHAN & Company. The Honorary Treasurer, Dr CHIU, had before the meeting obtained quotations from four (4) Auditors benchmarked on the auditing workload for HKIOA for the previous year and a comparison of their fees were presented to the Members. The results showed that the offer from Centre O at an all-inclusive lump sum fee of HK10,000 was the lowest. In view that Centre O was the lowest bid, it was recommended for consideration. As there were no other comments from the Members, Mr Joshua CHUNG Tak Leung proposed, and Mr David YEUNG Bing Kwan and Dr Clief TANG Chi Kong seconded the motion to accept the appointment of Centre O as the Auditor of HKIOA for the coming session of 2020/2021. Members were asked to express their support, or objection otherwise, by a show of hands. As the majority had supported the motion and there were no objections from Members, Dr LAW announced that Centre O was thereby accepted for appointment as the Auditor of HKIOA for the coming session of 2020/2021.
- 11. Agenda Item 5 was the election of Chairman; and election and re-election of Committee Members. Mr LUI explained that according to Article 53 of the MoA, the Chairman of the Institute shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. Mr LUI advised that Dr LAW had held the Chairmanship of the Institute for the past two (2) years and he indicated no wish to seek for a second term of Chairmanship with the Institute. Mr LUI told the meeting that he had so far only received one nomination for election as Chairman of the HKIOA, who was Mr William FUNG Pak Yu. On behalf of the Institute Mr LUI suggested a vote of thanks to Dr LAW for his dedication to the work of the Institute and achievements for the past 2 years.
- 12. On the election of Chairman, Mr LUI explained that as there was only one nomination received for the election as Chairman, subject to the approval of Members, Mr FUNG shall be accepted as Chairman by



default. Mr FUNG then briefly introduced himself to the Members and talked about his aspirations to the development of the Institute. Subsequently, Mr LUI invited Members to express their support, or objection otherwise, by a show of hands for election of Mr William FUNG as the Chairman of HKIOA. As the majority had supported the motion with the exception of only one (1) Member, Dr LAW announced that the election of Mr William FUNG Pak Yu as the new Chairman of the HKIOA was thereby accepted. The meeting congratulated Mr FUNG as the new Chairman.

- 13. On the election of Committee Members, according to Article 54 of the MoA, the Ordinary Members of the Committee may hold office for a period of 3 years, but at least a third of them should retire. This meant that at least 4 Members out of 12 Members in the current term of the Committee should retire. Members of the current term of the Committee had discussed and a total of (5) Committee Members had chosen to retire, viz, Mr William FUNG Pak Yu, Mr Joshua CHUNG Tak Leung, Mr Ken WONG Kin Chung, Ms Valarie KUNG Wing Wing and Dr Clief TANG Chi KONG. As a result, there was a total of five (5) vacancies available.
- 14. Up to that time of election, the Secretariat had received two (2) nominations, Dr Clief TANG Chi KONG and Mr Ken WONG Kin Chung, standing for re-election as Committee Members, and three (3) nominations, Mr James CHOI Pui Sum, Mr Alson PANG Yuen Fai, and Mr TANG Wai Him, standing for election as Committee Members for a 3-year term. As there were 5 Members contesting for 5 vacancies, subject to acceptance by Members, all five (5) candidates shall be elected as Committee Members by default.
- 15. The five candidates, Mr James CHOI Pui Sum, Mr Alson PANG Yuen Fai, Dr Clief TANG Chi KONG, Mr TANG Wai Him, and Mr Ken WONG Kin Chung, following the alphabetical order of their surnames, took turns to introduce themselves and their aspirations to the Members. Subsequently, Mr LUI invited Members to express their support, or objection otherwise, by a show of hands for the nominations of the reelection of Dr Clief TANG Chi KONG and Mr Ken WONG Kin Chung and election of Mr James CHOI Pui Sum, Mr Alson PANG Yuen Fai, and Mr TANG Wai Him as Committee Members. As the majority had supported the nominations and there were no objections from Members, Dr LAW announced that the re-election of Dr Clief TANG Chi KONG

and Mr Ken WONG Kin Chung and election of Mr James CHOI Pui Sum, Mr Alson PANG Yuen Fai, and Mr TANG Wai Him as Committee Members were thereby accepted. The meeting congratulated the new and re-elected Committee Members.

- Ir IU King Kwong of NAP expressed that while he noted that the Institute was having a strong financial condition, he also observed the Institute was charging relatively high fees for a recent on-line course for the new practitioners and young engineers. He suggested that the fees should be lowered to benefit more participants. He further suggested that the HKIOA Certificate Course could also be adopt the on-line format, which had now become more popular and acceptable by the professional community. Dr LAW and Mr LUI thanked Ir IU for his good suggestions and reaffirmed that the Committee would surely further discuss and consider the matter. There were no other suggestions for discussions.
- 17. There being no other business, Mr LUI announced that the 2020 HKIOA AGM closed at 8:01 p.m.

Chairman	Honorary Secretary
Dr LAW Chi Wing	Aaron LUI Shiu Wai

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