

MISSISSAUGA CHINESE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Mississauga Chinese Business Association (the “Association”), held online via Zoom Meeting on June 22, 2022, at 11:00 am.

The meeting was called to order by Pierre Wong, the President of the Association acted as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Pierre Chen, Secretary of the Meeting.

The President read the notice calling the meeting and confirmed that the notice has been sent to the members, the directors and auditor by email 15 days before the meeting according to the By-Laws.

A quorum of the full Members of the Association being present (total 21), either in person (12) or by proxy (9), the Chairperson declared the meeting to have been regularly called and properly constituted for the transaction of business.

1. REPORT ON BUSINESS

This President’s report covered the year’s achievements and results of the Association.

Forward: A new board of directors were elected on June 23, 2021, in the middle of pandemic for the year 2021-2023. Due to the economic shutdown and social distancing we needed to find new ways to conduct MCBA business. Despite all the restrictions we managed to find new ways to maintain the activities of our association, among our members as well as with other CBAs. The new executives were determined to maintain the same level of excellence and impact with new tools such as Zoom meetings, virtual webinars, techno programming and media presentations. Our resourceful group of VPs and committee members were more than capable to meet the challenge and delivered the following list of successful events in the last twelve months.

- **MCBA website:** The board recognized the importance of social media as a form of communications between MCBA with our members and with the public. A committee was set up to update MCBA website to the latest design where it can advertise with ease all MCBA events and members activities on the new platform. Links were also being set up with LinkIn, Instagram, Twitter, and Meta (Face Book).
- **MCBA and Young Professionals:** The success and future growth of MCBA depends largely on the recruitment of new members. A committee was set up to double the effort in attracting quality Young Professionals who may eventually one day become full MCBA members.
- **2022 MCBA Business and Community Directory** - Over 10,000 copies of the Directory was published and distributed free of charge in Mississauga, Brampton, Oakville and GTA areas. The directory was also uploaded on the MCBA website.
- **August 18, 2021 - Virtual meeting with Chief Nishan Duraiappah:** In 2021, MCBA wished to have a closer working relationship with the Peel Regional Police. A special liaison person was designated to communicate with The Chief’s office. As MCBA ‘s support of our police force grew we expected to receive the same in-kind recognition from the police. As the Chief indicated in his remarks, he was prepared to double up their effort on all of our partnership programs.

- **August 26, 2021 - Pierre Chen Webinar:** In support of our members, we brought them timely and health related topics such as “Steep your Health” a virtual webinar presented by one of our board members. It was very well received.
- **September 18, 2021 – 1st virtual CCAD:** We were a bit apprehensive about our first virtual CCAD presentation. The challenge was to create the same effect and atmosphere as in person presentation at Mississauga Celebration Square liked before. The creativity and the resourcefulness of our organizers had surprised us all. There were almost a 100 people logged in to view the presentation. It had exceeded all of our expectation.
- **October 7, 2021 – Town Hall Address by Chief Nishan Duraiappah:** This was a forum we extended to the Chief of Police. It is very important that our members are aware of what the police can do for our business community. This event provided an opportunity for a dialogue between the Chief and MCBA. The success of which would most likely lead to future town hall meetings.
- **November 27, 2021 – MCBA 30th Anniversary Gala:** As the pandemic continued to ease, we had an opportunity to do an in-person celebration of our 30th Anniversary Gala, which we also bundled up with the inauguration of the new board and Christmas Party. This was one of the best run events in MCBA. Rave reviews were received from all corners. Congratulations go to the committee members and volunteers for putting up such a spectacular show.
- **February 1, 2022 – Chinese New Year Celebration:** In 2022, we celebrated Chinese New Year virtually. Greeting letters were received from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah and Mayor Crombie. We wish the Year of the Tiger will bring us strength, prosperity, and success throughout the year.
- **February 24, 2022 – MCBA new office:** MCBA had relocated its office to #117, 5200 Dixie Road, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 1E4. Now we have an office of our own without the need to share it with another company.
- **April 22, 2022 – Police Chief Meeting:** This is a meeting we setup with the Chief of Police, to discuss the Annual Policing Dinner on September 14, 2022 and Community Crime Awareness (CCAD) on September 24, 2022. Unfortunately, Chief Nishan could not attend the meeting. This gave us an opportunity to know his right-hand man Deputy Chief Mark Dapat. He apologized that the Chief and the Deputy Chiefs will not be able to attend the September 24, 2022 CCAD due to the Police Memorial Day in Ottawa. However, they would be at the Policing Dinner on September 14, 2022 in full force. Deputy Chief Mark Dapat also assured us that they will do whatever they can to support of all our partnership programs.
- **May 28, 2022 – CGTCBA Annual Gala:** MCBA directors attended and participated in the sponsorship the CGTCBA Gala on May 28, 2022. Over 600 guests and dignitaries from 3-level of government attended the Gala.

Upcoming Events

- **September 14, 2022 – Community Policing Dinner:** This year marks the 19th anniversary of the dinner. More than 60 police officers will attend, and an outstanding community policing award will be presented at the dinner.
- **September 24, 2022 – MCBA Featured Event CCAD:** The CCAD committee members are in the process of preparing for the in-person CCAD event on September 24, 2022 at Mississauga

Celebration Square. It will be a super-charged celebration which includes multiple cultural and entertainment themes.

2. ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Stephen Chu motioned to adopt the minutes and Lilian Kwok seconded. Motion carried. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 23, 2021 be taken as read and approved.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

Charles Chu, Treasurer, presented to the meeting the annual report of the Association containing financial statements for the financial year ended October 31, 2021 and the report of the auditors.

- 2021 revenue exceeded expenses because of the receipt of government's COVID-19 subsidy.
- Most events such as CCAD and networking events were hold virtually.
- The campaign supporting small businesses stopped in 2021.
- The Association is functioning normally.
- An increase of asset because of the CEBA loan which was placed in short-term investment and the prepaid expenses for the 30th Anniversary Gala which was held in November 2021.
- Asset position of the Association maintained stable.

Winnie Fung motioned; Jenny Lo seconded. On motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved that the financial statements including the balance sheet as of October 31, 2021 and the auditor's reports are hereby approved and adopted.

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Charles Chu motioned, Etta So seconded. On motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved that Mr. Stephen Chui of Stephen PF Chui Professional Corporation, Chartered Professional Accountants be hereby appointed auditor of the Association until the next annual meeting or until a successor be appointed at a remuneration to be fixed by the directors. The directors are hereby authorized to fix such remuneration. The Secretary is hereby directed to give the Association's auditor written notice of such appointment.

Winnie Fung motioned to appreciate the professional services rendered by Stephen Chui at a minimal charge. The board thanked Stephen Chiu for his contribution to the Association.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Being no other business, upon duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes Approved by



Pierre Wong – President

Date: July 6, 2022



Shella Chun for Pierre Chen – Secretary

Date: July 6, 2022