



# MSBCA MOSAIC

Malaysian Singaporean Bruneian Community Association

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OCTOBER 2020

## Upcoming AGM 2020

**SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup>  
OF OCTOBER 2020**

**1:00 TO 3:00 PM**

**VIRTUAL  
MEETING**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

To the Malaysian, Singaporean and Bruneian  
Community Association (MSBCA)

**AGM 2020**

Annual General Meeting

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### SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always looking for stories/photos to share in the  
monthly newsletter! We would LOVE to hear from you!

Send your questions, comments or articles to: [editor@msbca.ca](mailto:editor@msbca.ca) before the 25th of the  
month for review and it could be shared with the community!

*Note: The newsletter is a monthly publication to 400+ readers*



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# The President's Message



GIVA BALASINGAM

In all the troubling reports that are circulating at this time, I trust that all of you are practicing physical distancing. In an effort to remain safe

and maintain physical distancing, we, the Executive Board decided to conduct our 2020 AGM online. A meeting link will be sent to all members on the morning of the AGM.

On October 25th, we will be hosting our Annual General Meeting where we will give a presentation of all activities from October 20, 2019 to the present as well as filling several new positions on the Board of Directors.

I would like to thank our outgoing Board members, Blair and Yenson for their service and contributions to our members for the past two years. I am sure each member will join me in thanking them for their ideas, time, and efforts towards MSBCA.

Due to COVID 19, it is unfortunate that we were only able to organize Christmas and Chinese New Year, the year of the metal rat, some cooking classes and presentation. COVID 19 has made us reinvent the way things are to be carried out in the future.

We are looking for board members young and old, who have fresh exciting ideas to give a facelift to MSBCA. We have re-drafted the By-Laws to accommodate present events and giving a more robust structure to our clubhouse for the benefits of our members.

We have also drafted the Coordinators' role to assist with the organization of the various activities. We hope to conduct activities in person with the practice of social distancing or online.

Collection of fees for all activities and events including donations are to be e-transferred to MSBCA via our website portal in compliance with the government's regulations. We also like to thank James Lee for his continual support and assistance in the maintenance of our clubhouse as we attempt to take care of MSBCA's business and prepare for things to come.

We look forward to all your support in bringing MSBCA to greater heights and creativity.

HAPPY  
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## YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS





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## **Nominations for Board 2020-2022**

Nominations will be accepted now through  
October 19th.

The Malaysian, Singaporean and Bruneian  
Community Association offers an exciting  
opportunity to join the Board of Directors.

Individuals will make a difference by sharing their  
leadership skills, ideas, and talents to many  
others. This offers valuable life experience,  
organizational and social skills improvement, and  
resume-building opportunities.

Each position will serve a voluntary 2-year term.  
Nominations are open to current 2020 MSBCA  
members.

- Treasurer
- General Committee Member (2 positions  
available)
- Auditor (2 positions available)

Please view following pages or visit our website to  
view job descriptions and responsibilities.

Elections will be held at the virtual Annual General  
Meeting on Sunday, October 25th at 1:00pm. A  
meeting link will be sent via email on the morning  
of the AGM.

Contact [secretary@msbca.ca](mailto:secretary@msbca.ca)

**LINK TO VIRTUAL  
MEETING WILL BE  
SENT VIA EMAIL  
ON THE  
MORNING OF  
OCTOBER 25**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT  
[MSBCA.CA/AGM-2020](https://msbca.ca/AGM-2020)  
BEFORE OCTOBER 21**

# AGM 2020 - Postions available for 2020-2022

## TREASURER

- Shall have a knack for accounting and finance.
- Shall receive all funds paid to the Association and deposit to accounts at the direction of the Board.
- Shall issue payments on behalf of the Association from accounts at the direction of the Board.
- Shall keep expense reports, receipts, books, etc. to properly account for funds and payments.
- Shall prepare an annual Financial Report, to be duly audited, for submission to the Association at the annual general meeting (AGM).
- Shall present regular financial reports to the Board at monthly general committee meetings (GCM).
- Shall be one of three official bank signatories for MSBCA's accounts, along with the President and the Secretary.
- Shall submit reports and applications as required by public or other authorities.
- The Treasurer must be a Member in Good Standing for a minimum of (2) years and born in or resident or have family heritage or spouse from Malaysia, Singapore, or Brunei. He is someone who holds honesty and integrity in high esteem and is committed to accuracy and transparency.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Shall attend monthly General Committee Meetings (GCM) of the Board
- Shall take upon a portfolio of leadership of his/her choice with the approval of the Board  
e.g. cultural, education, public relations, sports, volunteering, fundraising, etc.
- The Committee Member must be a Member in Good Standing and born in or resident or have family heritage or spouse from Malaysia, Singapore, or Brunei

## AUDITOR

- The Auditor shall have a knack for accounting and finance. CPA or CPA student is preferred.
- The Auditor shall perform the annual review of MSBCA's financial statements as well as provides feedback to the Board regarding operational and financial improvements for the Association.

***Apply with the following form or online at [msbca.ca/agm-2020](http://msbca.ca/agm-2020)***

*MSBCA would like to thank Edward Lee and Sunridge Badminton Center for their continued sponsorship.*

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# Nomination for Board 2020-2022 Application

Nomination process and rules:

- 1) As decided by the membership at AGM 2016, nominations for Board in 2017 and onwards shall be conducted online and within a reasonable time frame to facilitate an orderly election planning process.
- 2) Nominations shall be open from now to Monday, October 19, 2020. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting online on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 1 pm.
- 3) All nominations must be submitted here. No nominations will be entertained through other means or outside the open period. Please seek a friend to help you if needed :)
- 4) Each candidate must be a member of good standing and have the support of TWO members of good standing.
- 5) Each candidate will be required to answer a few questions such as brief personal bio, interests and goals relating to MSBCA.
- 6) Secretary & Membership Director will verify membership status of each candidate and their two supporting members to ensure eligibility. The Board does not officially endorse any candidate.

This application will be reviewed for accuracy by the Secretary & Membership Director.

Candidates will also be contacted by the Secretary for an in-person meeting or phone call.

\* Required

1. Email address \*

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2. Please provide your full name: \*

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3. Tell us a brief story about yourself: \*

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4. What is your past or current participation or volunteering with MSBCA? \*

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5. Please select the position you are applying for: \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Treasurer
- General Committee Member (2 positions available)
- Auditor (2 positions available)

6. What are your ideas and dreams for MSBCA? \*

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7. What do you wish to accomplish for yourself? \*

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8. You must be a current (2020) member to apply. Which years have you also been a member? \*

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9. Please provide the full names of two current members who support your nomination: \*

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10. Your phone number \*

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# Don't Forget to Look Up!

When we have trouble or a problem and frustration set in, we can become anxious and our thought process becomes heavy. Looking down is an automatic response. The longer we keep our head down, the slower the process in solving the problem. It is hard to get ahead if we are always looking down.

I have been reminded of this numerous times - in seasons when life has been

busy or extremely difficult or when facing financial pressures, but all it ever takes is a glance at the stars a few deep breaths, and the reassurance that the ONE who holds the universe got this. He is right there with me through it all.

Sometimes we just have to be reminded to look up. So, "DON'T FORGET TO LOOK UP! Things will look up only if you do!

Have faith that all things will work out and that everything is possible to those who believe.

Wishing you health, wealth, and success in all you do!

*Agnes Hobmaier (Goh)*  
*MSBCA Secretary*

